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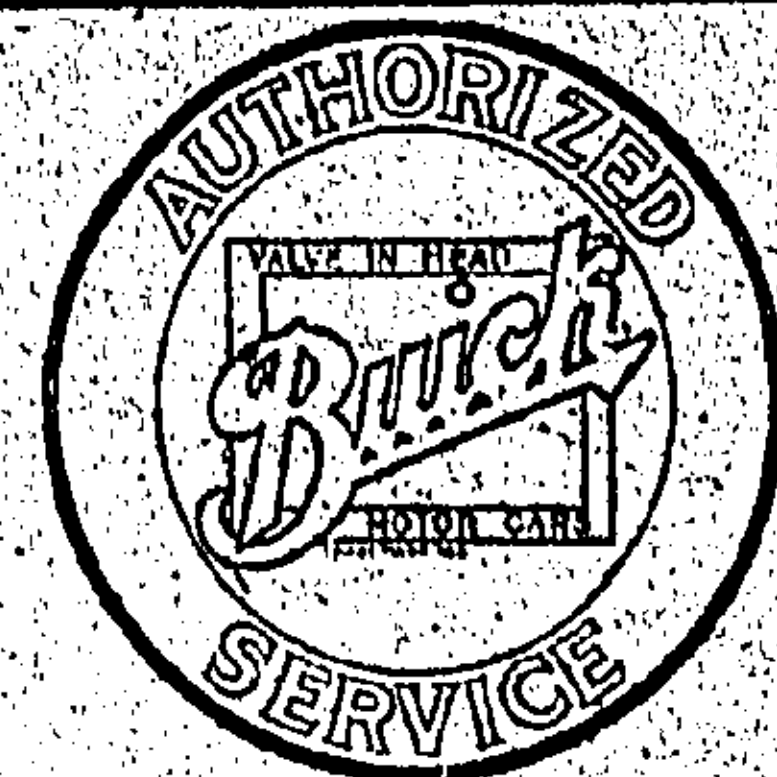
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THE PASSING OF EARL HAIG.

DIES SUDDENLY IN LONDON.

HIS WORK FOR BRITISH LEGION.

WONDERFUL TRIBUTES

London, Jan. 30.
The death is announced of Field
Marshal Earl Haig, O.M., G.C.B.,
G.C.V.O.

Earl Haig died at midnight very
unexpectedly. There had been no
hint of his illness. The photo-
graphs in the morning papers de-
pict the field marshal inspecting at
Cardigan House, Richmond, on
Saturday, the 20th Richmond (Earl
Haig's Own) Boy Scouts. The
field marshal was looking very
cheerful.—*Reuter.*

Burial at St. Paul's.

London, Jan. 30.
The great strain of the war is
understood to have been the cause
of the death of Earl Haig. Medi-
cal expert opinion, it appears,
holds that a muscle of the Field-
Marshal's heart had grown older
than the heart itself through
strain, and had collapsed.

Earl Haig had come from Edin-
burgh to London to spend the
week-end and to attend a gather-
ing of Boy Scouts on Saturday
afternoon.

He had consulted a doctor about
his health before leaving Scotland
and had been advised to proceed
shortly to the Riviera.

He was about to retire when he
collapsed at midnight last night at
the home of his brother-in-law in
London, and died soon afterwards.
He was sixty-six years of age.

Famous 1918 Message.

The newspapers devoted their
columns to-day to the man who led
British arms to victory in the
greatest war of all times, and the
famous "Back to the Wall"
message which he issued to the
British troops in 1918 when the
Germans launched a heavy offen-
sive in direction of Calais is re-
produced. The message startled
his Army as much as it heartened
them. It only because it was the
first time that the rather aloof
Commander-in-Chief had betrayed
a touch of emotionalism.

Wonderful Tributes.

Tribute is paid to Earl Haig's
self-sacrifice when he consented
to the Allied Armies being
placed under the unified command
of Marshal Foch.

Personal messages from States-
men and Generals are published
in the newspaper. Mr. Lloyd
George, who was Premier during
the critical days of the war, says:
—"My personal relations with
Field-Marshal Haig were always
of the very best. Whatever ar-
rangements were made, whether
he liked them or not, he very faith-
fully carried out the policy that
had been laid down. Specially
did he show that quality when we
decided upon unity of command
and the British Army was placed
under control of Marshal Foch.
Whatever might have been his per-
sonal views upon the matter, he
carried out honourably every
particular of the understanding
that was arrived at. He behaved
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COSGRAVE'S LUCKY ESCAPE.

CAR KEEPS TO RAILS IN TRAIN SMASH.

ONLY ONE MAN KILLED

Ottawa, Jan. 30.
The special train carrying Presi-
dent Cosgrave from Montreal was
wrecked at Casselman through run-
ning into an open switch.

It is officially stated that the car
carrying Mr. Cosgrave and his
party was derailed but remained up-
right. None of his party suffered
injuries.

Unofficially it is reported that the
driver and fireman were killed.—
Reuter's American Service.

Functions Postponed.

Ottawa, Jan. 30.
The foreman of the permanent
way gang was the only fatality in
the Cosgrave train smash, though
the driver and fireman were
seriously injured.

Four cars were derailed but the
one carrying President Cosgrave
remained on the rails.

A large crowd including many
members of the Canadian Cabinet
and a military guard of honour
were waiting at Ottawa station to
welcome the Irish President, in
whose honour a series of impor-
tant functions had been arranged
for to-day.

On learning of the wreck, the
would-be welcomeers dispersed, but
a special train was despatched to
the scene of the accident to bring
President Cosgrave and his party
to the capital.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Nine Injured.

Ottawa, Jan. 31.
It is now learned that nine men
were injured in the train smash,
three of which are in hospital in
a serious condition.

President Cosgrave reached Ot-
tawa yesterday afternoon and
visited the injured men.

It is officially stated that the
disaster was quite evidently a
pure accident.—*Reuter's American Service.*

REACHES DUBLIN IN SAFETY.

"PLOT" AGAINST LIFE OF MR. J. MCNEILL.

London, Jan. 30.

Many detectives awaited the
arrival of the steamer carrying
Mr. James McNeill at Kingstown.
Interviewed in Dublin by Reu-
ter's representative, the new
Governor-General of the Irish
Free State declined to take the
reports of plots against his life
"too seriously."—*Reuter.*

[Elaborate precautions were
taken by Scotland Yard to ensure
the safety of Mr. James McNeill,
when the Dublin police commu-
nicated information regarding an
alleged plot to assassinate the
new Governor-General. Armed
detectives have never left his side.]

MANTUA DAMAGES PROPELLOR.

MISHAP IN CHANNEL ON WAY TO EAST.

London, Jan. 30.

Bound for Hongkong and Yokoh-
ama, the P. and O. s.s. Mantua
put into Southampton to-day with
a damaged propeller. She went
into dry-dock and the repairs are
likely to occupy three weeks.

The P. and O. s.s. Mongolia has
been sent to Southampton from
London to take the Mantua's pas-
sengers. She is expected to sail
for the East to-night, calling at
the usual ports.

The s.s. Comorin is proceeding
from Algiers to Marseilles to take
on overland passengers and mails
for transfer to Razmak and Aden.
—*Reuter.*

TRANSATLANTIC TELEPHONE.

The Hague, Jan. 30.
The telephone service between
Holland, the United States and
Cuba was opened to-day.—*Reuter.*

ATTACKS FRENCH POLICY.

GERMAN MINISTER'S REBUKES.

IS WORD & MIGHT OF ENGLAND VALUELESS?

ARMY OF OCCUPATION.

A lively attack on France, de-
scribing her mistrust of Germany
as hypocrisy, was led by Dr.
Stresemann, the German Foreign
Minister in the Reichstag yesterday.
He pointed out that although friend-
ly relations were supposed to exist,
France was still maintaining
her Army of Occupation, and
"pointing machine-guns and
cannon at a nation co-operating
with the League of Nations."

Germany was not in a position
to defend her own frontiers, he
said, and he put pertinent ques-
tions to France drawing her at-
tention to the Locarno Treaty.

Hypocrisy To Demand Security.

Berlin, Jan. 30.
The relations between France
and Germany, with particular
reference to the Army of Occu-
pation, formed the subject of a lively
speech by Herr Stresemann in the
Reichstag to-day.

The German Foreign Minister
declared that it was nothing but
hypocrisy to demand security
against Germany, who was not in
a position to defend her own front-
iers and the lives and freedom of
the inhabitants.

"It has been repeatedly de-
clared," Herr Stresemann went on,
"that machine-guns and cannon
must disappear, yet they are still
directed against a nation which
was co-operating with the League
of Nations, and with which politi-
cal differences or important inter-
national questions do not exist."

Pointed Questions.

Dr. Stresemann, in the course of
his speech, formulated pointed
questions relating to the Locarno
Treaties:

"Is the word and might of Eng-
land valueless to those people in
France who clamour for still
greater security?"

"Does any one doubt the ability
of England, together with France,
to cope with the German Reichs-
wehr?"

"Has anyone the right to doubt
that England will keep her pledged
word?"

MEXICAN REBELS ROUTED.

SIXTEEN FEDERAL TROOPS KILLED.

Mexico City, Jan. 31.
A thousand Federal troops en-
gaged six hundred rebels entrenched
in the mountains in Michoacan
State, and completely routed them.
The attack was made on the 27th.
The Federal losses were sixteen
killed and twelve wounded.
—*Reuter's American Service.*

LOOK-OUT FINED.

HAWKERS ENABLED TO EVADE POLICE.

A Chinese of the coolie class
appeared before Mr. W. Schofield,
at the Kowloon Magistracy this
morning, on a charge of aiding
and abetting an offence by a
street vegetable hawk.

According to Sergeant Har-
preaves, the defendant seeing a
police patrol in Shamung Street,
ran into Canton Road and spoke
to a hawk, who immediately
picked up his baskets and eluded
the police.

The defendant was fined \$10.

WILL BE FINER LATER.

The Royal Observatory weather
report states:—"The anticyclone is
stationary. Fresh moonlight may
be expected along the South-east
coast of China and over the North
China Sea."

The forecast up till noon to-
morrow is:—"North winds, fresh,
overcast at first; finer later."

SHANGHAI COUP SCARE.

AUTHORITIES HAVE JUMPY NERVES.

IMPORTANT ARRESTS.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Jan. 30.

The Chinese authorities have
developed jumpy nerves due to a
Marshall Sun Chuan-fang scare, fol-
lowing, it is alleged, the discovery
of a plot with wide ramifications
for the capture of Shanghai.

Agents are said to be working
secretly towards a coup, while it is
stated that there are "Sun Chuan-
fang emissaries" busy at the Ar-
senal and in the Forts.

Extraordinary precautions have
been taken to thwart the threatened
uprising.

"Plot" Arrests.

Shanghai, Jan. 31.
The Kuo Min news agency states
that the Bureau of Public Safety
has ordered the arrest of Marshal
Sun Chuan-fang's agent, Cheng
Chun-chen, and also Gen. Li Ku-
o-tung, the ex-Taipei of Kiangsi;
Yuan Keh-wen, the son of Yuan Shi-
kai; and Keng Hui-shing, all of
whom it is alleged have been plot-
ting an uprising against the Nation-
alists in Shanghai.—*Reuter.*

CRUSHING DEFEAT OF HUNANESE.

FIFTEEN THOUSAND TAKEN PRISONER.

CHANGSHA TAKEN.

Shanghai, Jan. 31.

Marshal Pei Chung-hsi reports
that after the capture of Yehow
and Pinking the Wuhan troops
crossed the Miehlu River on the
22nd, and attacked the Hunanese
forces.

After 48 hours' fighting, the 8th,
17th, 18th and 36th Armies were
routed, and over fifteen thousand
were taken prisoners.

Twelve thousand rifles, twenty
field-guns and fifty machine guns
also fell into the hands of the vic-
torious troops.

"The rebels are retreating to-
wards Chuchow and Hanchowfu,"
the Marshal concludes, "and we en-
tered Changsha on January 25th.
The fleeing troops are looting and
plundering as they go."—*Reuter.*

MEXICAN PROPOSAL REJECTED.

PAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE DECISIONS.

Havana, Jan. 31.
The Committee of the Pan-
American Conference has unani-
mously rejected the Mexican Pro-
posals that the election of the
Chairman of the Pan-American
Union should go to every country
by alphabetical rotation.

It has also taken a step towards
the inclusion of Canada in the
Pan-American deliberations by
approving with special reference
to Canada that the Inter-American
commercial aviation treaty should
be sent to all open adherents in
the Western Hemisphere.—
Reuter's American Service.

U.S. NAVAL POLICY.

PRESIDENT APPROVES FAST BUILDING.

Washington, Jan. 30.
Speaking at the semi-annual
Government business meeting,
President Coolidge again em-
phasized the need for maintaining
a well-balanced Federal budget
and reducing the National Debt.
At the same time, he deprecated
stinting activities vital to the
safety and well-being of the na-
tion.

Calling attention to the naval
programme, President Coolidge
said the plan he endorsed did not
contemplate any limitation of
time as regards the beginning or
completion of the tentative pro-
gramme, but contemplated the
building of ships as fast as pos-
sible.—*Reuter's American Service.*

CANTON RUSSIAN EXECUTIONS.

VIGOROUS PROTEST BY SOVIET.

"SAVAGE ACTS" CANNOT GO UNPUNISHED.

READY FOR THE WORST

Meetings of protest against the
execution of Soviet citizens in
Canton have been held in Moscow,
Leningrad, and a number of cities
in Siberia.

The Moscow papers publish the
following statement issued by the
People's Commissariat for
Foreign Affairs and signed by
Chicherin, the Foreign Commissar.

The Peoples Commissariat for
Foreign Affairs has repeatedly
had to point out that whenever a
revolutionary movement occurs in
any country the enemies of the
Soviet Union invariably declare it
has been provoked by agents of
the Soviet Government.

For instance, not only the reactionary
Press, but also members of the
Government of capitalist coun-
tries, have long been endeavouring
to represent the entire national
movement in China as a product
of Soviet policy and the work of
Soviet agents.

Torrents of Blood.

Thus, the counter-revolutionary
generals in that country, who have
drowned in torrents of blood the
great revolt of the workers in Can-
ton, heaping the corpses of tor-
tured workers in the street, have
manifested special hatred towards
the Soviet citizens who were in
Canton and who were among the
first innumerable victims.

We still have no exact information
about the latest events in Canton,
but we can say undoubtedly that
numbers of Soviet citizens in Can-
ton have died terrible deaths after
every possible ill-treatment. We
have news from various sources of
the tragic end of the Soviet Vice-
Consul, Hassia, and we can hardly
still be in doubt that this poignant
news is true.

But although the crimes of the Canton
generals against the Soviet Union are
unprecedentedly serious, heavy re-
sponsibility for these cannot be con-
fined to Canton alone.

"Canton Atrocities."

The political action of the Ku-
mintang generals against the
Soviet Union and its representa-
tives affects the whole of South
China, and the Canton atrocities
were but its most flagrant mani-
festation.

The political responsibility for
these atrocities thus rests on all
persons in the region of so-called
"Nationalist" Government. Not
only Generals Chang Fat-kwai and
Li Fook-lum who acted at Canton,
but also others, such as Li Chai-
sum, Chiang Kai-shek and Pei
Chung-shi, are guilty of these
crimes.

But responsibility also falls on
other forces of world reaction which
are hostile to the Soviet Union.

Instigation of Imperialists.

It may be said that a decisive
factor in causing these events was
the instigation by all the Imperial-
ist and "White Guardist" groups in
Shanghai, Hongkong, and other
centres of colonial policy in China,
and by inspiration from London.
This fact was perfectly clear, and
has now been confirmed by the
jubilations of the English Press.

British Imperialist reaction
must be recognised as the chief
motive force of the Canton slaugh-
ter and the acts of violence per-
petrated on Soviet citizens who
have been murdered and deported.
The rollers of the Soviet Union
are deeply afflicted at the death
of their comrades, tortured by
henchmen of the South Chinese
counter-revolutionaries, but their
martyr blood has not been shed in
vain.

Four hundred million people
cannot be stopped on their march
to emancipation, and those mil-
lions of slaves, who from being
leaders of the Nationalist move-
ment have become its garrulous
will be swept away to the last
man.

A liberated Chinese people will
not forget the Soviet friends who
have helped them.

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U. S. SUBMARINE DISASTER?

S-4 MISSING IN ATLANTIC FOR TWO DAYS.

SEPARATED BY GALE.

Another U.S. submarine disaster
is feared, following the absence
for two days of news of the Sub-
marine S-4, which was separated
from the parent ships during a
severe gale in the Atlantic on
Saturday.

Aeroplanes off the U.S.S. Sara-
toga and submarines have been
searching for the missing sub-
marine without success. The S-4
is a sister-ship to the ill-fated S-3
which was sunk with the loss of
all lives recently, in a collision
with the U.S.S. Spaulding. The
message giving the news is as fol-
lows:

Navy Department Report.

Washington, Jan. 30.

The U.S. Navy Department has
reported that the Submarine S-4,
the sister-ship to the ill-fated S-3,
became separated from the Sub-
marine Control Force in the
course of a severe gale a hundred
miles south of Cape Hatteras. It
has not been heard of since Satur-
day.

The submarines were on their
way from Hampton Roads to
Guantanamo, Cuba.

The new aircraft carrier, the
U.S.S. Saratoga, the submarine
tender, U.S.S. Camden, and seven
submarines are now searching for
her.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Other Warships to Search.

Washington, Jan. 30.

The Navy Department has or-
dered three light-cruisers, and a
squadron of destroyers to proceed
from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in
search of the missing submarine.

The Department expresses the
opinion that there is no need to
fear a fatal accident as it is not
unusual for small vessels to lose
touch in bad weather.—*Reuter.*

WUHU COMMUNISTS RAIDED.

AUTHORITIES MAKE SEVERAL ARRESTS.

Wuhu, Jan. 30.

Several arrests were made here
when the local authorities raided
the Communist headquarters on
Sunday.—*Naval Wireless.*

Military Movements.

Among the reported military
movements is that of the 43rd
Army, which is believed to be
moving on Ichang from down the
river. It is expected that the
2nd Army will soon move up the
river from Shensi.—*Naval Wireless.*

Hankow Quiet.

Hankow, Jan. 30.

Martial law continues in force,
although the situation is general-
ly quiet.—*Naval Wireless.*

CATHOLIC COLLEGE DESTROYED.

HALF MILLION STERLING FIRE IN U.S.

Philadelphia, Jan. 30.

Fire broke out in the Villa
Nova Roman Catholic College last
night, the main building being
completely destroyed.

The conflagration lasted for
hours and the damage is estimated
to be \$500,000.—*Reuter's American Service.*

MAROOINED ON HUGE ICEBERGS.

SIXTY MEN AND HORSES IN PERIL.

Moscow, Jan. 30.

A violent storm in the Sea of
Azov detached several huge ice-
bergs from the ice-floes on the
surrounding coast, carrying them
out to sea with some sixty sledges,
men and horses marooned on the
blocks.—*Reuter.*

THE HONGKONG DEBACLE.

SHANGHAI'S AMAZING BRILLIANCE.

CLARK AND SIMS IN THICK OF FRAY.

INTERPORT SOCCER.

Amazing is the only adequate
word to describe the events which
took place on the Pioneer Field,
East ground, on Tuesday last, where
the Hongkong Interport team of as-
sociation footballers were out-
manoeuvred and outplayed in all de-
partments, save goal, and where the
much discussed Shanghai eleven
rose to giddy heights of brilliance
to establish a record victory in the
history of the Hongkong Telegraph
Interport football cup, says the
N. C. D. News.

Nearly every footballer has an ex-
cuse for defeat, just as the aver-
age married man has an explanation
to account for his late arrival home,
but the visitors from the Crown
Colony can make no excuses for the
clanism which overtook them on a
ground that had been doctored with
great skill after the recent heavy
rains, to present a foothold in most
places, and if it was strange to those
accustomed to the hard-baked
pitches of Hongkong, it also was
foreign to the homesters.

No Excuses.

Let it be stated at once that the
visitors have offered no excuses, but
are loud in their praise of the man-
ner in which the Shanghai team
adapted themselves to the conditions
which prevailed. This was the
secret of Shanghai's overwhelming
victory, and it was befitting that
"Gash" early should demonstrate the
essential of giving the ball plenty
of "air" and keeping it on the
ground. If ever there was an oc-
casion for this policy, this was it,
and although the visitors equally
were cognizant of the desirability
to purvey their passes along the
muddy surface, their close passing
and pattern weaving tactics were
rudely devastated by the command-
ing intervention of Shanghai's de-
fenders, who who seldom were in
real difficulties, even with a greasy
ball, and for the most part, found
time to convert their clearances
into well made passes to the players
in front of them.

Chance of a Classic Struggle.

What a classic struggle the
match would have been under
happier circumstances, it is hard
to divine, from the extent to which
the visitors' fabric was rent from
top to bottom, but the distinguished
football of the Shanghai eleven,
individually and collectively, was
as plain as the proverbial pike-
staff, and knowing the individual
abilities possessed by the visiting
side, one is left in astonished
admiration that they should be
made merely the hacks of Shang-
hai's combination of craft and
zeal.

Shanghai's Form.

It may be a chimera, but Shang-
hai appeared to play a style of
football that is too seldom seen at
the present time. The bulwark
of the team perhaps was in the
intermediate line, but the superb
display of the rearward division
equally was admirable and of the
forwards nothing but praise can
be written. All five were excel-
lent as individuals, and, as a com-
bination, match winners. With
regard to the visitors from Hong-
kong, Clark's display in goal never
will be forgotten and if Sims for-
ever was in the thick of the fray,
it was for this reason that he was
more conspicuous than the rest of
his colleagues, whose defensive
and attacking structure tottered
because of the lack of confidence
in their own organization.

The Goal-scoring.

The Shanghai Times says:
—"Displaying a defense against which
the best efforts of Hongkong proved
fruitless, and an attack which
combined individual brilliance in
each of its members with delightful
variations of the short passing
game and clever opening tactics,
Shanghai won the Interport As-
sociation football match against
Hongkong on Tuesday by the
record score of seven goals to nil.
The game was played on the
basin ground at the Pioneer
Field, the football ground till
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CATHEDRAL MEETING.

DISCUSSION ON PEW RENTS.

The annual meeting of seatholders and subscribers of St. John's Cathedral was held at the Cathedral Hall last evening, there being a fair attendance, with the Right Revd. C. R. Duppuy, Bishop of Victoria in the chair, supported by the Very Revd. Alfred Swynn, D.S.C., M.A. Others present included the Revd. H. V. Koop, M.C., Messrs. T. H. King, T. G. Weal, P. S. Cassidy, (Hon. Treas.), W. Jackson, C. Blaker (Hon. Sec.), Lieut. Col. Hayley Bell, D.S.O., Sir Henry and Lady Pollock, Mr. Owen Hughes, Dr. Sanders and a number of the congregation.

Addressing the meeting, the Dean dwelt on the various heads of the agenda which was to be brought up before the meeting, with special reference to the abolition of pew rents. He was worried at the small attendance at the various services, and would like to see the cathedral made more of a house of prayer during the week.

As to the functions of the Church body, he thought that with the many sections of the community represented thereon, they would be of great value in making recommendations to the clergy and the council.

He was entirely in favour of the abolition of pew rents, as nothing was more harmful to the spirit of warm welcome and good fellowship than the right of individuals to certain seats. Good fellowship could not exist where there was exclusiveness. He hoped, that the meeting would approve the principle of abolition.

Mr. P. S. Cassidy presenting the reports for the year, explained certain items in the accounts. An outstanding feature of the year's working was the excess of expenditure over income, leaving a deficit of \$3,160.81, compared with the surplus of 1926, of \$11,061.78. This was accounted for largely by decreased interest and heavy payments for passages.

The adoption of the accounts was seconded by Mr. Owen Hughes and passed unanimously, after a discussion as to the appointment of a professional firm of auditors, with an Hon. Overseeing Treasurer. Messrs. Lowe Bingham and Matthews were voted in as accountants.

Church Body and Council.

The election of the Church Body was then proceeded with and resulted as follows:—The Bishop of Victoria; The Dean; The Assistant Chaplain; Messrs. T. W. Alinsworth, W. L. Pattenden, W. Jackson, C. Blaker (Hon. Sec.), P. S. Cassidy (Hon. Treas.), Lieut. Col. Hayley Bell, D.S.O., Mr. F. Mason, A.R.C.O., L.T.C.L. (Organist).

The voting for the Church Council resulted as follows:—Lady Pollock, Mrs. T. Cressy, Miss Atkins, Mrs. F. Hayley Bell, Miss B. Pope, Miss Mow Pung, Messrs. W. L. Pattenden, E. G. Stewart, G. S. Zimmern, B. Randall, A. Cheung, L. A. R. Duncan, F. Mason, A. Hopper, T. W. Alinsworth, and Revd. G. F. Stopford, the body having power to co-opt.

Discussion then continued with reference to the abolition of pew rents.

Mr. Cassidy pointed out that this matter was really involved in legality, and it might be that the law would have to be invoked before an alteration in existing conditions could be made. The meeting was called upon for an expression of opinion only, although it was pointed out that the abolition of pew rents would mean a definite loss. On the other hand, the freeing of pews might possibly result in an additional revenue. Circulars had been sent out relative to the matter, but only 56 replies had been received from the entire total of Cathedral pew holders.

Colonel Hayley Bell spoke feelingly on the subject of the attendance of servicemen, who usually filled the church in the evenings. He thought it might be better that other methods of ascertaining public opinion, than those already

POLICE RAID.

THIRTEEN CHINESE ARRESTED.

Thirteen Chinese, the majority of whom were market folk, were charged, on remand, before Major C. Wilson at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, with unlawfully assembling together at No. 8 Victoria Street, at 9.15 p.m. on the 11th instant.

The evidence of the police was to the effect that the men were arrested during a police raid in the first floor of No. 8 Victoria Street. On the person of the first defendant certain papers were found which led to other charges against this man of being a member of an unlawful society, and of being in possession of unlawful literature.

Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask, appearing for the first defendant, submitted that the papers had an invidious meaning, being merely extracts from a well-known Chinese song.

Replying to his solicitor, first defendant also said that during the strike of 1922, he was intimidated and was stabbed twice when he refused to quit a position he held then with Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co. He was now a bar-boy in the office at Volunteer Headquarters.

Later, attempts were made to induce him to join a society. When assaulted with an iron bar by the intimidators, he had carried a complaint to the Police Station but no heed was taken by the Inspector, who viewed it as merely a street fight in which the defendant side was seeking the aid of the law.

Mr. D. McCallum also appeared for another defendant.

The case was adjourned until tomorrow afternoon.

LOCAL MINING.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

The formal flotation will take place on Thursday, by the issue of the prospectus, of the Oriental Mining Options, Limited, which has been formed for the purpose of investigating the possibilities of iron mining at Ma On Shan, in the New Territories, and also to handle several other mining projects.

The Company will have an authorized capital of \$200,000 in shares of \$1 each, and it is proposed to issue 100,000 of these at the outset, 50 cents to be paid on application and the remaining 50 cents to be paid on allotment. Most of the proposed issue has already been promised.

The Board of Directors is composed of Mr. N. V. A. Croucher, Mr. Kan Ying-po and Mr. T. G. Blakey (mining engineer) who will be Managing Director. The bankers are the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation; the solicitors are Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Masters; and the brokers are Messrs. Benjamin and Polls.

The Company will not only handle the Ma On Shan scheme, but will investigate and handle other mining options, the working of a concession on a near-by coal mine being among the prospective activities.

adopted might be tried out. He was generally in favour of retaining the present system of pew rents.

The Revd. Swynn quoted the experience of cathedrals at Home, where visitors have at one time been charged admission. Since such admission fees had been abolished, there had been a greater return by donations.

Subsequent to arguments for and against, Mr. Jackson put it to the meeting as a motion, that as a matter of principle they were in favour of the abolition of pew rents, this being passed by 18 votes to one. A further proposal that the Church Body should take action on the legal side in respect of this matter was passed unanimously.

The Church Body then went into Committee.

COMPANY REPORTS.

WATERBOAT COMPANY'S GOOD PROFIT.

The report for presentation to the shareholders at the twenty-third ordinary annual meeting of the Union Waterboat Company, Ltd., to be held at the Company's office on Tuesday, 7th February at 11 a.m. states:

The General Managers have now the pleasure to submit their annual report and statement of the Company's accounts made up to 31st December, 1927.

The profit for the year, after writing off depreciation and including balance brought forward from last account, amounts to \$63,508.24 which the Consulting Committee recommend applying as follows:

Transfer to Insurance Fund	\$ 5,000.
Transfer to Special Repairs Account	10,000.
To pay a dividend of \$1.25 per share on 27,723 shares which will absorb	34,053.75
To pay a bonus of 25 cents	6,930.75
Carry forward to 1928	6,518.74
	\$ 63,508.24

Consulting Committee: Since the last meeting, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang and Mr. C. F. J. Quarles van Ufford have resigned, and Messrs. C. G. S. Mackie and C. de Bruyn have been invited to join the Committee.

Auditors: The accounts under review have been audited by Messrs. Linstead and Davis, Chartered Accountants, who retire and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

HONGKONG LANDS.

Net Profits Exceed Million Dollars.

The report of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., for the General Meeting to be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company, Limited, at 12.30 p.m. on Thursday, February 9, states:

Gentlemen,—The Directors have now to submit to you a General Statement of the affairs of the Company, and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

The Net Profits for the year, after providing for all Directors' and Auditors' fees amount to \$1,005,227.66 which, with the amount brought forward from last year \$895,931.32 gives an amount available for division of \$1,901,219.48.

From this amount an Interim Dividend of \$2.00 per share on 240,000 shares (\$480,000.00) has already been paid leaving a balance of \$1,421,219.48 available for appropriation which it is proposed to deal with as follows:

To pay a Final Dividend of \$2.00 per share	\$480,000.00
To pay a Bonus to Staff	8,000.00
To carry forward to a new Profit and Loss Account	933,219.48
	\$1,421,219.48

Directors.—Mr. J. E. Joseph having been invited to join the Board, this appointment now requires confirmation.

Mr. A. H. Compton and Sir Robert Ho Tung now retire by rotation and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The Accounts have been audited by Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, and Messrs. Linstead and Davis, who now retire and offer themselves for re-election.

Moscow, Jan. 30.

The rumours of revolt are officially denied.—Reuter.

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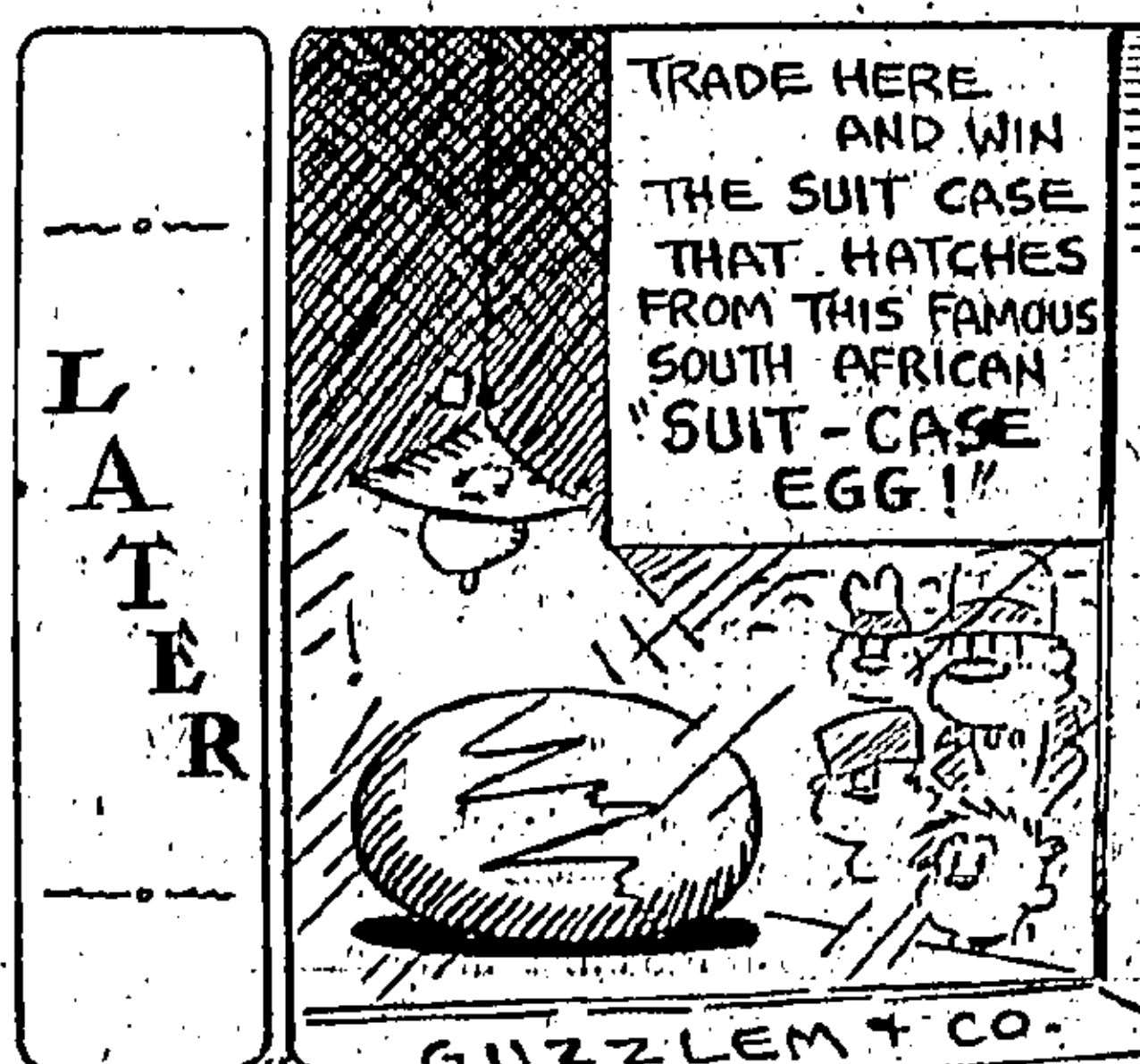
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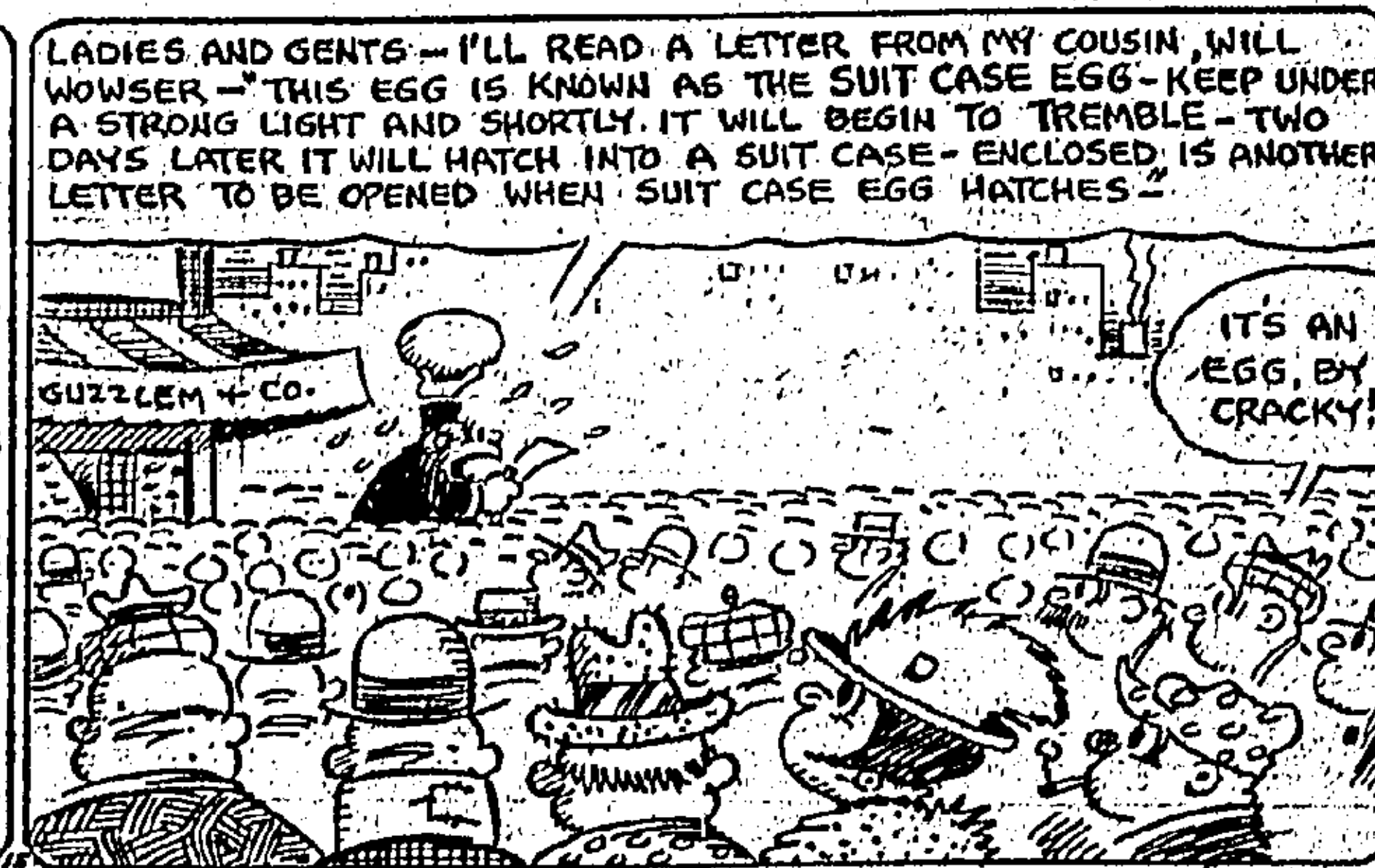
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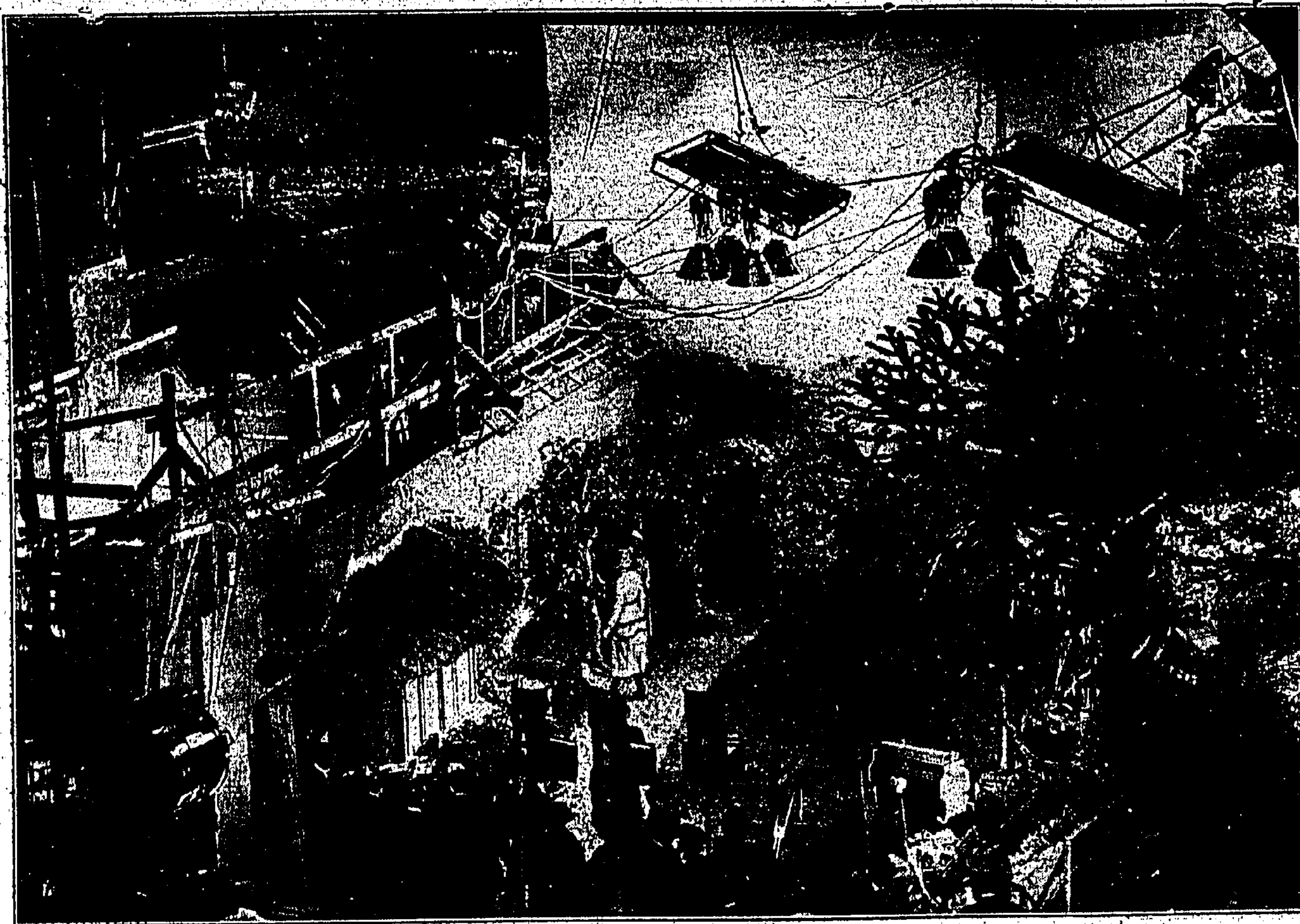


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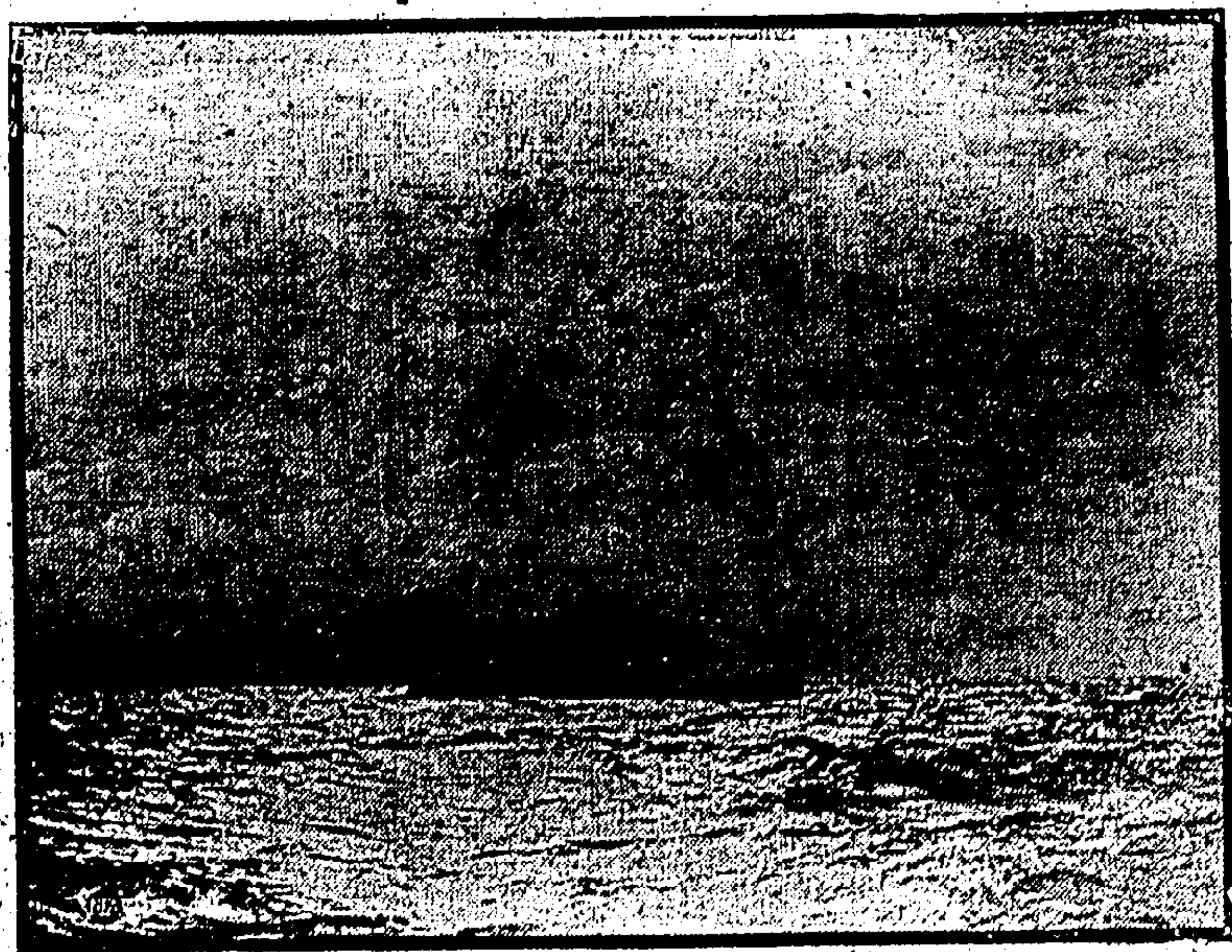
With the passing of the Films Bill, which is expected to receive the Royal Assent shortly, the British film industry is entering on a phase of renewed activity. Our photograph, which was taken at the Elstree studio of British National Pictures, Limited, shows the production of the Farmer's Wife in progress. The film has been adapted from the play of the same title by Mr. Eden Phillpotts. The studios at Elstree, which are said to compare favourably with the best and most up-to-date at Hollywood, have accommodation for the production of four films simultaneously, and three are actually being made at the present time. (Times copyright).



A telephoto picture of the fight in Oklahoma City between Governor Henry S. Johnston and members of the state House of Representatives. The legislators barred from their chamber in the state capitol.



Fifth Avenue's starting point, at Washington Square, is now appropriately marked by a towering new apartment house skyscraper at No. 1.



A striking picture taken at the scene of the S-4 disaster. The S-8 is marking the spot in the evening.



The picture shows the latest dodge of rum-runners U. S. A.—a cargo of bootleg whisky carried in a cleverly arranged false top.

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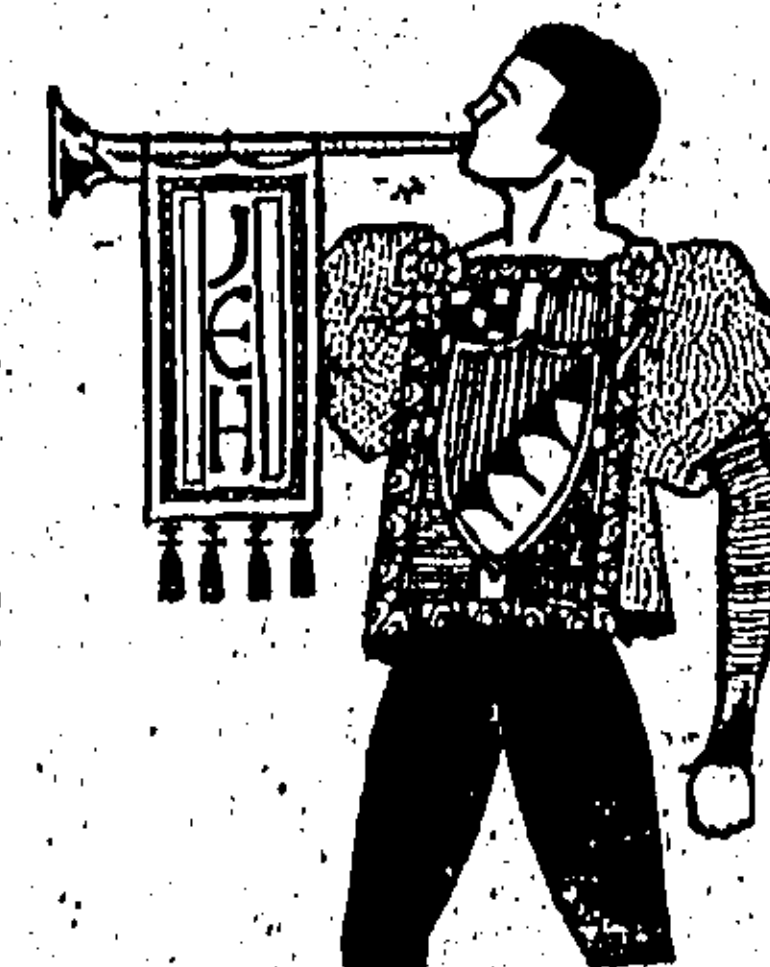
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NEW LONG-DISTANCE
PHONE.MANILA-CEBU PROJECT
PLANNED.

Postal officials in Manila are contemplating buying and installing an early date equipment for a long distance telephone which would make possible telephonic conversation between Manila, Cebu and Iloilo.

An appropriation of Pesos 1,000,000 will be asked of the next Philippine legislature when it convenes in June for the purchase of the necessary cable lines and apparatus, it was stated.

In accordance with cable advice from General Frank McIntyre, the whole set for the Manila-Cebu and Iloilo service would cost from Pesos 1,200,000 to Pesos 1,600,000. The Bureau of Posts, however, it was pointed out, will need an appropriation of only Pesos 1,000,000 having already a standing yearly appropriation of about Pesos 300,000.

The equipment will be bought from the United States where apparatus for sending long distance telephonic messages by cable is being perfected. Permalloy cable, it is said, will be used. It will be possible, it was pointed out, to send cable and telephonic messages on the same line with an efficiency ten times greater than those in actual use in the Philippines.

The plan to build a long distance telephone service between Manila and Baguio is understood to have been abandoned as costly and not warranted by the volume of business between these places.

The negotiations for the furnishing of the equipment with United States firms is reported going on in the hope that the legislature would set aside the amount needed for its purchase. The bureau of insular affairs which is in charge of making purchases requisitioned by the insular government has also been urged to buy one cableship for the bureau of posts. A cablegram was sent last week to Gen. McIntyre inquiring of the progress in the negotiations for the purchase of the ship.

CABLE DEADLOCK.

SEATTLE-JAPAN IDEA
ABANDONED.

San Francisco, Jan. 23. Mr. Newcomb Carleton, president of the Western Union Telegraph Co., announced to-day the abandonment of his company's plans to lay a high speed cable from Seattle to Japan, because of the inability to meet the demand of the Japanese Government that the Kaodate terminal of the cable be owned and managed by Japanese.

Mr. Carleton announced that his company was considering the southern route for a cable starting at San Francisco and touching Hawaii, terminating at the Philippines.

Negotiations will also be opened with countries other than Japan to obtain permission to extend the cable from the Philippines to Java, and French Indo-China.

DECLINE IN THE BIRTH
RATE.SERIOUS EFFECT ON
INDUSTRY REPORTED.

London, Jan. 13. The decline in the birthrate during the war period is seriously affecting the supply of young people in industry.

A Northampton silk firm says that it has vacancies for 300 girls, who are required to cope with the flow of orders, while the Leicester boot, shoe and engineering trades are also short.

The local Chamber of Commerce has referred the subject to a committee for investigation.

An official of the Ministry of Labour says that the decline in the birthrate is acute now, but the falling-off will be felt more in 1929-30.

WOMAN'S WORLD
FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Notes.

FROM A WOMAN'S DIARY.

Girls with jobs have three times the chance to get husbands that stay-at-home girls have. At least that's true, in Germany where marriage bureau statistics prove it. More stenographers and office girls were married than cooks and other house servants, making the analysts of the statistics believe that a girl's pay envelope is a greater attraction than her ability to keep house.

Watch the Weather.

One more beauty tip hurled at us! If we would aspire to be at all well-dressed, chic, beautiful, we must match our make-up and gowns to the weather. Lucien Lelong, a designer of French fashions, at present in American

Sheets and pillow slips to match your personality, such as pastel shades of lilac and cream for an ingenu, jade green sheets to harmonize with the hair and skin of some Italian beauty, even black for dignity and old age.

Can you think of anything white left anything which has escaped the collar curse? Old-fashioned, indeed, is the woman who still clings to white underwear.

Youth not so Brave.

Judge Ben Lindsey makes an especially interesting comment in his thought-provoking "Companionate Marriage" on the subject of this "free and independent Younger Generation."

Our apparently free and independent Younger Generation are no more free from this coercion of custom than their elders," he writes. "It is merely that they have a different set of customs. Youth defies the shibboleths of

Fuller Frocks.

AND HIGHER WAIST-LINES.

Dresses have a tendency, it is said to be made on rather fuller lines, which is, of course, obligatory, with the continual trend towards a higher waist-line.

The latter is seldom placed at the normal line, but very slightly below, a style which is much more becoming to the majority of women, as it produces a more graceful line, and an effect of greater slimness.

The very low waist-line has completely vanished, although its final disappearance was very slow. The "normal" waist-line is seen sometimes, but this mode is rather difficult of achievement, as it necessitates a return to the old boned corsets, and an 18-inch waist. Waistlines are decidedly indicated on jumper suits, and belts are very much in favour with the

Three very Becoming fur Models.



Three striking examples of fur at the peak of fashion (left to right): a muskrat-trimmed cloth wrap; black velvet coat adorned with ermine, and a mink coat.

say that blondes, for instance, should use orange rouge and cream powder in cloudy weather, but ochre-red rouge and flesh powder in bright weather, and that brunettes should use coral rose rouge and brunette powder in cloudy weather and blue rouge and cream powder in ordinary weather.

Finger Nail Machines.

They've now made a "finger nail polishing machine" for busy modern girls who can't get time to wield a buffer. So we'll take our buffer time for keeping the little machine in repair, spending lunch hours to tramp around to repair shops, etc. Funniest thing in the world is the complex "time savers" foisted upon us.

Green Sheets.

And did you know that coloured bed linen is the very latest?

its elders, but it has shibboleths of its own which are as tyrannous as anything it has escaped from. Most young people wear the same clothes, they do the same things in the same way, and are so lacking in individual initiative and originality in their relations to each other that I count it one of the clearest evidences of the painful crudity and want of culture which are an outstanding characteristic of their present stage of development.

"Pd Die First!"

Youth, for instance, has so much to say about the prejudices of their mothers in the way of dress. They laugh at their long skirts and feathered hats, and bustles and shirtwaists. But just try getting any flapper to be brave enough to wear a long skirt, long underwear, and cotton stockings! She'd die first, which is all her "daring and bravery and independence" amount to!

waist an inch below the normal line. Pleats, gathers, and waved waistlines, the latter dipping in the back, are further innovations which will be developed as the season progresses.

Sleeves are extremely varied and interesting this season. They are long and light for tailored frocks, and in the afternoon frocks they are quite bouffant, and gathered in at the wrist. Sometimes sleeves are the chosen place for decoration, with the rest of the gown plain. The double sleeves, with an undercuff or puff in a different material is used on frocks; and three-quarter sleeves are seen on coats, showing the under cuff of the frock underneath.

The hanging, wide cuff, and the kind that is tied over the hand, are smart; puffs of a different colour, over the elbow, are a good feature. The slashed sleeves, with a different colour, or embroidered lining, is evidenced.

A NEW LUMBER
COMPANY.MILLION PESO SCHEME
IN MANILA.

To exploit the lumber riches of the islands, several businessmen of Manila, headed by Mr. Deo C. Chuan, a prominent Chinese have formed a corporation to be known as the Philippine Lumber Manufacturing Company with a capital stock of Pesos 1,000,000 and with principal offices in Manila. Incorporation papers of the firm have been filed with the bureau of commerce and industry.

The Philippine Lumber Manufacturing Company will engage in general timber and lumber business. It will operate saw mills in Luzon and other parts of the islands where big forests are located. For the purposes of its business, the company may construct and operate railways, boats, ships and other means for transporting lumber.

On the total capital stock of the company, Pesos 600,000 have already been subscribed and paid in. The following are the incorporators together with the amount each paid of the capital subscribed: Deo C. Chuan, Pesos 225,000; Calixto Dyyco, Pesos 131,000; Dy Fac, Pesos 158,000; Deo Hong Luc, Pesos 71,000; W. W. Harris, Pesos 9,800; Francisco Gochino, Pesos 100; and Marcelo Tansengco, Pesos 100.

"HUMAN OSTRICH"
DIES.RAZOR BLADES FOUND IN
STOMACH.

New York, Jan. 20. Sidney Barnes, 51 year old "human ostrich," has died here after an operation in which a cigar box full of bolts, carpet tacks, razor blades, washers and nails was removed from his stomach.

For 27 years he swallowed various articles of hardware as a side attraction in circuses and carnivals. Some weeks ago he became afflicted with the "stomach ache" and went to a hospital where an operation was performed. The articles were taken from his stomach and at first it was thought he would recover.

Preparing for his eating stunt, Barnes would consume a loaf of bread, a quart of milk and a dozen bananas, then after taking on the hardware would drink a gallon of water.

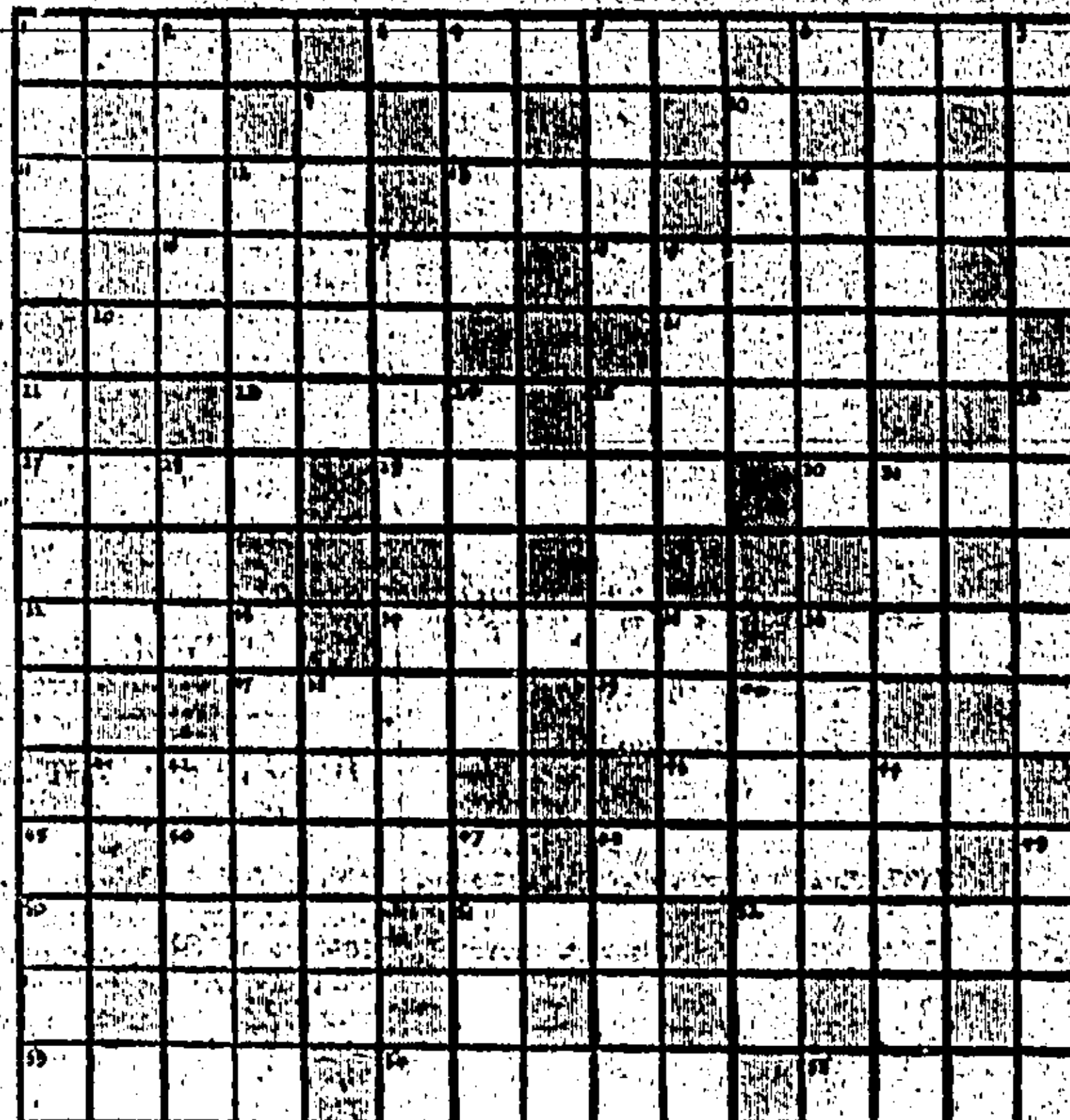
"THE TAXI DANCER."

A TALE OF JAZZ LIFE AT THE
STAR.

The leading player in the chief picture at the Star Theatre to-day and to-morrow, "The Taxi Dancer," is Joan Crawford, who plays the role of a girl who goes to Broadway in search of success. She meets with failure, however, and has to resort to the profession of a "taxi-dancer," a girl who is paid so much per dance. She soon graduates in a world of jazz and there meets with many exciting adventures. Her career culminates happily in marriage with a reformed gambler, ably played by Owen Moore, whose destiny is little less strange than her own.

Mr. J. H. Jackson, Clerk to the West Ham Compensation Authority, has sent out two cheques for £3,305 and £16,348, the amount assessed by the Inland Revenue Authority as the sum to be paid as compensation for the extinction of the licence of "The Angel" public-house, Broadway, Stamford, and as a result "The Angel" ceased. In October when the Excise Authority notified that the compensation to be paid was a total of £24,653, the Compensation Authority had not so much money in hand. The house, accordingly, continued to trade until the sum was available.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across.

1. Units by treaty.
3. Minute openings.
6. Measure of land.
11. Move aside.
13. Congealed water.
14. Fertile spots in deserts.
16. Offspring of a black person and a mulatto.
18. Crust.
20. Ceiling of boards in a mine.
21. Church dignitaries.
23. Delightful region.
25. Finest.
27. Has existed.
29. Natives of Denmark.
30. Descendant of Mohammed.
32. Equal.
34. Repulse.
36. Air.
37. God of love.
39. Thin.
41. Pipe.
43. Living.
46. Even.
48. Putrid.
50. White poplar.
51. Sayings of notable men.
52. Weird.
53. Consumes.
54. Awake.
55. Small British duck.

Down.

1. In addition.
2. German geological term.
4. Dish of stewed meat.
5. All time.
7. Deceitful.
8. Simple.
9. Bearing weapons.
10. Metal bearing veins.
12. Consumed.

OUR DAILY TALK ON
HEALTH.PERSPIRATION AND
PHYSICAL CONDITION.

THREE TYPES CLASSIFIED.

Some people perspire easily and some all over the body; others perspire occasionally and with great difficulty; still others perspire on only small portions of the body at any single time.

Japanese investigators in the physiological laboratory of the Manchurian Medical College in Mukden made a special study of various persons with a view to classifying different types of perspiration.

People were placed in a room in which the temperature was raised rapidly and then the amount of perspiration in various areas of the skin was measured. Profuse sweating, all over the body, it was found, could be checked out not only by the sudden lowering of the temperature, but also by the application of an ice bag to any part of the skin.

Nervous Control.

In the same way, the heating of any portion of the body may provoke sweating all over the

body. This is an indication of the fact that the perspiration control is not directly in response to heat applied at any given point, but also by a general nervous mechanism.

The physical condition of the individual at various times may influence the manner of perspiration. It was found that during the summer weather, on the day after a heavy drinking bout, or when the patient was in a weakened condition after an illness, he was likely to sweat at a lower temperature than in winter or under other conditions.

When the ability to perspire easily is high, a very slight stimulus will provoke perspiration, whereas, if the person does not perspire easily, a strong stimulus is required, sometimes the most intense emotion.

The Japanese investigator listed three types of people in relation to perspiration: those who have little ability to perspire so that they barely sweat with a very high temperature; those who sweat very easily and far beyond any necessary amount, and finally normal people who sweat just enough to keep their temperatures regulated normally. People of the first type should not live in tropical countries, since heat accumulates in their bodies and they are likely to have heat strokes.

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THE CUSTOMS
SURPLUS.

An old issue has been revived in consequence of the demand put forward by the Nationalist Government in Nanking that the Customs surplus revenue should no longer wholly go to Peking, which is accused of utilising it for the purpose of financing its military campaigns against the Nationalists. It will be recalled that some seven or eight years ago, when the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen was in power in Canton, the Southern Government demanded a share of the surplus, on similar grounds to those now being put forward by Nanking, and that an agreement was eventually reached whereby the Central Government retained 86.3 per cent., the remainder being allotted to Canton. Matters continued on this basis for about a couple of years, when the arrangement was interrupted as the result of a political crisis in Canton. Following this, various claimants came forward and it became impossible to determine between them, although the surplus which had meantime accumulated was finally disposed of by joint arrangement between the North and South.

Since those days, no attempt has been made to repeat the experiment of a percentage sharing of the surplus, but the position of the foreign Powers in the matter was, in the discussion which followed the Canton rupture, made clear. The Diplomatic Body at that time set its face against any interference with the Customs Administration, in view of the fact that its revenues were security against foreign loans, but it also held that the allocation of the surplus, after all obligations had been met, was a purely domestic matter with which it had no right to meddle. This admission was naturally viewed by Dr. Sun Yat-sen and his Ministers as lending some support to their contention, and, of course, the Nanking Nationalists now take the same stand. It will thus be seen that the issue is one solely between rival Chinese factions, for Mr. Quo Tai-chi emphasises that there is no idea of interfering with the funds which go to the service of foreign loans. As we understand the position, the whole of the surplus at present goes to the credit of the Peking Government, but it is difficult to say what proportion of it, after meeting domestic loan obligations, is available for military pur-

poses. Even if there is none left, the principle on which Nanking's claim is based is not affected, for the Nationalists claim that they are entitled to retain a large share—in other words, that Peking has no right to the use of revenues raised in Provinces over which it exercises no control or authority. On the face of it, there is logic in this attitude, especially since it is true that the Peking administration cannot claim to be regarded as anything more than a regional Government. Indirectly, of course, this question might involve the larger issue of the future control of the Customs Administration, which, according to a recent statement by Mr. T. V. Soong, the Nanking Government objects to being independently exercised by any of its rival authorities. This, obviously, would be a matter in which the Powers would have a distinct interest, but that bridge need not be crossed until we come to it. On the point of the Customs surplus, the right of regional authorities to a share would appear to be indisputable, and if political hatreds are kept in check, it ought to be possible for the principal claimants to evolve some scheme on a mutually satisfactory basis.

Hongkong Shivers.

The Colony and its residents shivered in unison at eleven o'clock on Sunday night, distinct earth tremors and the lowest temperature recording of 1928 being registered at almost precisely the same time.

Although the shocks vibrated large buildings sufficiently to cause a few moments alarm, the Royal Observatory dismisses them with the comment that no shock would have been felt had the force of the vibration been spread over three seconds instead of one, as was the case. Mr. Claxton might be asked if he cannot dismiss the sudden cold snap with equal ease and celerity! We were scarcely prepared for winter. We knew that some sort of weather might be expected, but had been deluded by a temperature of 77 degrees on Saturday into thinking that winter had been cancelled altogether. Many apparently came to the conclusion on Saturday that the Weather Clerk is a feminine gender this year, and endeavoured to help her make up her mind by wearing white trousers and cissy shirts. The result appears to have been the opposite to that expected, the very contrariness—a drop of 23 degrees in practically as many hours—suggesting that the lady Weather Clerk theory is one not lightly to be discarded. In fact, the weather is not exceptionally cold for this time of the year. The suddenness and severity of the drop in temperature accounted largely for crowded cabins on the ferries and chattering teeth. The warmth on Saturday was within 2.3 degrees of the record maximum for January since 1884, the record being held by January 23rd, 1905, with 79.3 degrees. The coldest weather recorded in January in the same period was on January 18th, 1893, when the thermometer dropped to exactly freezing point, 32 degrees. The Royal Observatory has stated that the cold may be expected to continue for several days, but promises fine weather, whatever that means, some-time to-day. Presumably if we try to convince the weather by what we wear, we shall get nowhere, and if by what we don't wear, we shall get there even sooner.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Jan. 31.
Paris	124
New York	4.874
Brussels	34.97
Geneva	25.32
Amsterdam	12.085
Milan	22.05
Berlin	20.45
Stockholm	18.18
Copenhagen	16.20
Oslo	18.25
Vienna	34.575
Prague	164.4
Helsingfors	193.4
Madrid	28.575
Lisbon	211.32
Athens	367.4
Bucharest	709
Buenos Aires	5.29/32
Bombay	47.4
Shanghai	1/6.1/16
Hongkong	2/0/4
Yokohama	1/11.1/16
Silver (spot)	20.4
Silver (forward)	20.4

—British Wireless.

TO-DAY.

Dollar on demand 2/ 5/16.
Lighting-up 6.11 p.m.

DAY BY DAY.

NO WISE MAN EVER SPEAKS OF HIS
RELIGIOUS FEELINGS.—Lord Justice
Vaughan Williams.

Mrs. L. E. Baste and Mrs. T. R. Percy have returned to Hongkong, by the s.s. President Madison to-day, after several months' absence.

The Empress of Australia, now on a world tour, is due to leave Batavia this evening and to arrive at Singapore at 8 a.m. on Thursday.

The late Commander John Gaunt, of Somerville Warwick-road, Bexhill, of the P. and O. Steamship Co., left £3,922 (net personality £7,750).

Mr. J. Pote-Hunt, Shanghai's most successful jockey, arrived in Hongkong this morning on the s.s. President Madison, to participate in the Hongkong Races.

The Right Rev. G. D. Illiff, D.D., Vicar of Goole, Rural Dean of South, and formerly Bishop in Shantung, has been appointed Rector of Pencombe, Worcester.

Mr. Frank M. Weller, connected with Sun Life Insurance Company, left for San Francisco this morning on the s.s. President Cleveland. He intends to reside permanently in the States.

The late Captain Alfred Edward Ansell Baker, of Hill House, Wansford, Peterborough, formerly Captain in the P. and O. service, left £7,097 (net personality £8,950).

For stealing an oil pump and a length of brass piping from a ship undergoing repairs at Talkoo, a Chinese was to-day sentenced by Mr. R. E. Lindsell to four weeks' hard labour.

A Chinese, living at 587, Shanghai Street, described as a pattern maker, was sent to the Kwong Wah Hospital yesterday, having been bitten by three dogs, which rushed at him from a matched at Kowloon Tong.

The Hongkong Interport football teams, soccer and rugby, arrived in Hongkong this morning on board the s.s. President Madison. The Chinese Athletic eleven, which lost to the Shanghai Chinese, was also on board.

A paint scraper who was removed to the Government Civil Hospital from Talkoo, following an accident, died in the hospital an hour after admission. The man fell from a staging whilst scraping the side of a ship, and sustained a fractured skull.

Lieutenant Henry Buckle, A.M., of H.M.S. Albion, First Minesweeping Flotilla, was due for promotion on Dec. 23 to Lieutenant-commander. Lieutenant Buckle recently served in the Titanic, depot ship for the China Submarine Flotilla.

D. W. Griffith's famous production, "Way Down East," with Lillian Gish in the leading role, will be screened at the World Theatre for the last time this evening. The orchestra plays at the 6.15 and 9.20 p.m. performances, and an interpreter attends at 2.30 and 7.15 p.m.

Among the passengers leaving by the s.s. President Cleveland for Shanghai, and the U. S. to-day, were Mr. A. F. H. Mills, well-known English novelist returning via the United States, Mr. W. H. Trencard Davis, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Way, and the interport golfers, Mr. M. W. Budd, Mr. A. R. Blinco, Mr. A. V. Pettit, Mr. H. R. Malcolm, and Mr. K. M. Cumming.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, this morning, a Chinese was sentenced to nine months' hard labour and twenty strokes, for retaining from banishment. The defendant was banished in 1926 for three years, when he was imprisoned and then again banished for ten years. The present is his second return to the Colony since 1926.

Ng Sing, the chief of the Chinese District Watchmen attached to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, died at the Tung Wah Hospital yesterday morning, after over 30 years' Government service. Sub-Inspector Andrew, who is in charge of the watchmen, and about two hundred of the deceased's colleagues and friends were present at the funeral, which took place in the afternoon.

The death has occurred at Edinburgh of Captain David Landales Nelson. Captain Nelson retired two or three years ago from the services of the Peninsular and Oriental and British India Companies, after having had command of their biggest ships. During the war he was torpedoed when in command of a hospital ship, and for his services in the Royal Naval Reserve he was awarded the Royal Naval Reserve decoration.

FIAT MOTOR CAR
ENTERPRISE.WORKSHOP AND SERVICE
STATION FOR HONGKONG.

The importance with which leading manufacturers of motor vehicles view Hongkong as the centre for their South China trade, is further emphasised by the action taken this week by the local representatives of the Fiat Factory. For some time, it has been realised that the showroom and service station were inadequate for the increased trade recorded, especially during the year 1927, and in order to combat this disability, arrangements have been completed whereby most of the ground floor of David House, in Des Voeux Road, has been taken over in the interests of Fiat.

Not only will the facilities for the display of Fiat cars be greatly improved, but an up-to-date workshop will be included, equipped with machinery necessary for effecting repairs to cars. This will be in working order on or about the 15th of the present month. The workshop and service station will be under the personal direction of an expert from the Fiat works, thereby ensuring that all overhauling and repairing will receive expert attention from a Fiat specialist.

The management will remain, the existing staff continuing as heretofore.

Apart from the institution of this new service, room will be provided for the garaging of a certain number of vehicles. Provision will also be made for the sale of accessories, spare parts, shell gasoline and Gargoyle lubricating oil, while free air will be available for customers.

ALLEGED LETTER
THEFT.SMALL BOY CHARGED THIS
MORNING.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, this morning, a Chinese youth, scarcely higher than the dock, was prosecuted for theft of letters.

Mr. Hin-shing Lo, addressing his Worship, said that he had been instructed by Mr. James Hall to appear on behalf of a lady doctor, Leong Wai-kwong, who charges the little boy with stealing letters. Mr. Lo said that he considered the affair as serious and added that he understood that Mr. Alfred Hall was defending the boy, but that, through illness, Mr. Hall could not appear.

Mr. Lo, in reply to his Worship said the two letters which the boy was alleged to have stolen, were registered letters. They had been recovered. He said it was his duty to tell his Worship that the boy's mother was also arrested, as she was suspected of being an accomplice. After being a little time at the Police Station, she was discharged, for very good reasons, but if something new came to light there was a possibility of getting hold of the mother again.

Mr. Lindsell then explained to the boy, through the interpreter, that he was charged with the larceny of two registered letters, the property of the complainant, a married woman of No. 9, Kung Wo Terrace.

The hearing of the case was adjourned until Friday morning at 11 o'clock, bail being granted in the sum of \$1,000.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SIR HENRY POLLOCK
RETURNED UNOPPOSED.

No opposition to the candidature of the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., as member representing the Justices of the Peace on the Legislative Council, has been forthcoming, and Sir Henry will therefore serve for a further period.

Nominations closed yesterday, Sir Henry being proposed by the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard and seconded by the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes. Sir Henry Pollock will shortly act as Attorney General during the absence of Sir Joseph Kemp on leave, and a temporary vacancy will then occur.

The Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, a nominated member of the Council, will shortly be leaving the Colony for home, and although no official announcement has yet been made, it is reported that the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton may be nominated for the seat.

Forthcoming weddings announced include that of Mr. W. R. N. Andrews, office assistant and accountant, Harbour Department, residing at 10 Broadwood Road, to Miss J. M. Wynne, 25 Broadwood Road.

The Very Idea!

During the trial of a criminal case in Ireland the interpreter was observed to be holding a muttered conversation with prisoner.

"What is he saying?" asked the Judge sternly.

"He is axin' me, me lord, who is the quare lookin' old woman with the red cloak just come into Court, answered the interpreter rather alterly.

"Well, and what did you say?"

"I said, 'Whist, you fool! Shure, that's the old idiot that's going to hang you.'"

Some 50 famous men—and a woman or two—have had their epitaphs prepared for them by one who calls himself "Kensal Green," in a book entitled "Premature Epitaphs, Mostly Written in Malice."

There is the Prime Minister's:—
His name endures; we shall not quite forget
The name of Baldwin till we're out of debt.

And Lord Birkenhead's:—
No doubt in Heaven's vault some glittering prize
Waits till Lord Birkenhead shall dole to rise.

Unless, perchance, the high celestial Lords
Have turned flamboyant words to flaming swords.

Here is another Cabinet Minister's:—
A day and day for Alexander,
And many another dead commander.

Jealousy's rife in heroes' hall
Winston Churchill has bluffed them all.

And yet another reads:—
Here Einstein lies:
At least they laid his bier
Just herabouts.

Or relatively here.
For Dean Inge is written:—
Surely for him among the saints
Will be a special niche.

Who had the courage to espouse
The causes of the rich.
For Suzanne an unkind cut:—
When Death cried "Game and Set."

Suzanne complained "A Let,"
But Death would not be cheated;
So here she lies defeated.

For Lady Oxford and Asquith the lady writes:—
Dread Death alone could place
embargo.
Upon the tongue and pen of Margot.

Willson man, fined for keeping a dog without licence: There goes my shirt. I have been weeks saving that 7s. 6d. for a new one.

Motorist summoned at Wood Green for driving at thirty-six miles an hour: I was just running into my garage.

Woman at Willson: Can I have a summons against my husband for threats? Magistrate: Are you afraid of him? Woman: Only to a certain extent, and that is the range of the revolver I know he has in his possession.

North London man: My wife left me months ago, and has gone to live next door.

Judge Crawford, at Southend: What are you prepared to pay? Man: Same as before. Judge Crawford: You speak to me as if I were a publican serving out liquor.

Superintendent Macleod, at Wellingborough: When travelling in a motor-car expect a bigger fool than yourself to come out of a side street.

Derbyshire miner accused of game trespass: I would rather be caught poaching rabbits than stealing fowls.

A dear old lady made it her business to visit the poor patients in the hospital. On a recent occasion she approached a much-banded person who was sitting up in bed, and after a little preliminary talk, she said to him very sympathetically:—"I suppose your wife must miss you a good deal?"

"No, mum," came the prompt reply, "she's got a wonderful aim for a woman."

Fined £2 at Glasgow for begging, Harry Livingstone was described as a walking wardrobe. He was wearing five overcoats and three pairs of trousers, and had on him £4 in silver and £2.15s. in coppers. His numerous pockets, which took two police officers two hours to go through, were filled with knives, purses, rings, matches, keys, and other articles which weighed in all almost a stone.

A racehorse may be described as an equine speculation.—Mr. Justice McCardie.

I am generally made acquainted with indignation wherever it arises.—Mr. Baldwin.

The British workman on the whole turns out more goods than any workman in the world.—Mr. Frank Moore, Leicester.

Ever since Eve was produced by depriving Adam of a rib, woman has hindered man from putting on side.—Mr. Douglas Woodruff.

EUROPEAN LADY ROBBED.

CHINESE CONGRATULATED ON
PUBLIC SPIRIT.

SEVERE SENTENCE.

"Whether this man is guilty or not, I congratulate you on your public spirit," said Mr. R. E. Lindell, sitting in the audience at the Central Magistrate's Court this morning, to a Chinese named Leung Nam-hing, the master of the Tai Sing sauce shop, who on observing a Chinese running away from a European lady, promptly gave chase.

The incident occurred yesterday at Queen's Road West near Eastern Street, when a Chinese, snatched a purse from Miss Sylvia Leigh, of 102, Second Street. Miss Leigh was carrying her handbag by the strap in her left hand when she felt a tug from behind at the bag, and the next moment, a man was running away with her purse. Miss Leigh in court said that she was unable to identify the snatcher but indicated that the culprit was about the same size and build as the man charged in Court. She cried out "stop thief" in English and then observed two Chinese in civilian clothes run after the fugitive.

Merchant Takes Up Chase.

Leung Man-hin was one of the men. He was standing outside his shop but on observing a man running away with a European lady in pursuit, he promptly ran after the fugitive. Another man, also in civilian dress, joined the chase and Leung saw the fugitive caught, by the other, who proved to be a constable in plain clothes.

On being caught the alleged snatcher said he was not running away from the lady but had been fighting and was running away from his assailants.

Much amusement was caused in the court by a Chinese, visiting Hongkong on business, who stated that he came across the purse in Second Street. When he picked up the handbag four men tried to get it off him. Someone shouted to him to keep the purse, and witness, despite the fact that he was struck, did not release his hold. "I would not surrender it even to a policeman and not until I reached the police station, did I part with it," said this witness.

Mr. Lindell: "I consider you have done extraordinarily well. I congratulate you. It is a pity there are not more like you in Hongkong."

The defendant said he was formerly a waiter, but was now out of employment. He was sentenced to nine months hard labour and twenty strokes.

RUSSIAN RAILWAY PROJECT.

CONSIDERABLE PURCHASES
IN U.S.A.

New York, Jan. 30.
The Soviet Railway delegation now visiting the United States, purchased in Cleveland a number of locomotives, steam shovels, drilling implements and motor-cars for use in the construction of the proposed 900-mile railway connecting Tashkent with Novosibirsk.

The line is being built in order to carry large quantities of grain, timber, etc., produced in the region, into Central Asia, where it is hoped to stimulate the production of cotton and tobacco.

Router's American Service.

TWO MINISTERS COMING.

OFFICIAL VISITS TO
HONGKONG.

As already announced, Sir Miles Lampson, British Minister to China, is shortly to pay an official visit to Hongkong. He is due to leave Shanghai about February 5th and will call at various ports on his way down aboard one of H.M.'s sloops. Sir Miles should reach Hongkong at about the end of February. He will also visit Canton.

Sir John Tilley, British Ambassador to Tokyo, is also to pay a visit to Hongkong in the near future.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE LATE EARL HAIG.

[To the Editor, Hongkong
Telegraph.]

Sir,—With the lamented passing of Britain's most-loved soldier, Field Marshal Earl Haig, would it not be fitting that a Memorial Service should be held in this outpost of the Empire, at which the attendance of as many as possible of his troops should be arranged?—Yours,
ONE WHO SERVED UNDER HIM.
Hongkong, Jan. 31, 1928.

INTERESTING MOTOR POINT.

WAS THE TRAFFIC OFFICER
SPEEDING?

MOTOR-CAR CHASE.

The question as to whether a traffic officer, while following up a motor car that was being driven at an excessive speed, was not himself driving in a dangerous manner was raised before Major C. Willson, at the Central Magistrate's Court this morning, and was argued by Mr. Horace Lo.

The case was one in which the Chinese driver of public motor car No. 413 was summoned for dangerous driving on January 24. Mr. Lo defended.

Traffic Sgt. F. J. Clarke said that at 12.45 p.m. on the day in question he saw the defendant's car travelling along Des Voeux Road, past Wing Lok Street, going in a westerly direction and passing the Macao wharf. The car was going at a high speed, so witness chased and caught up with the car at Centre Street, where they stopped. The car was being driven, in witness's estimation, at about 25 m.p.h. all the way. It was the day after Chinese New Year and the streets were very crowded. Witness had Sgt. Buckner in the side-car.

Sgt. G. Buckner corroborated Sgt. Clarke's evidence, and estimated the speed of the defendant's car at between 25 and 30 m.p.h.

Replying to Mr. Lo, witness said the car was about 50 yards ahead when the chase began and gained a lead of about a quarter of a mile. He considered that the car was travelling at a dangerous speed, but not the combination.

Not Dangerous?

Mr. Lo submitted that he had no case to answer. The estimated speed, according to the prosecution, was 25 m.p.h. and they had it from the last witness that he did not consider that the combination was travelling at a rate dangerous to the public.

His Worship pointed out that the witness had said he considered the car was being driven dangerously.

Mr. Lo replied that he thought a side-car was very much more dangerous. It was well-known that cars were very much more manageable, and the brakes were much better.

The Magistrate intimated that he considered that Mr. Lo had a case to answer and the defendant was called.

The defendant said his speed was 18 m.p.h. His car was fitted with a speedometer which registered that speed, but he did not know if it was accurate. The road was not very crowded. Considering the number of people about, he did not consider that he was driving at a dangerous speed.

Mr. Lo said they were charged with driving at the speed of 25 m.p.h., but his Worship intervened and said the figure he accepted was 30 m.p.h.

Mr. Lo replied that the traffic officer had put the speed most definitely at 25 m.p.h., while the second witness, who was not a traffic officer and who was in the side-car, said between 25 and 30 m.p.h. Putting it at its highest, continued Mr. Lo, the speed for the prosecution should not be taken at more than the figure of 25. The person who was not driving would naturally feel very much more nervous than the person who had control, and a traffic officer would be able to give a more reliable estimate.

His Worship replied that he shared that view. What he would like to know, however, was whether the road was crowded.

Sub-Inspector Alexander said it was always crowded in the daytime and there were many side turnings.

Traffic Officer's Duty.

Mr. Lo then commented on the fact that the combination must have been travelling in a dangerous manner, under the circumstances, as the car was travelling at 25 m.p.h., was a quarter of a mile ahead, and was being chased.

His Worship said the officer travelled at a high speed in the execution of his duty.

Answering this, Mr. Lo said the officer might be excused from being prosecuted for going at that speed, but it was the witness who said the speed was not excessive. If his Worship found that the combination was not going at a dangerous speed, under the circumstances, he could not find that the car in front was going at a dangerous rate. It would not be fair to have that finding. It was a question of opinion, but 25 m.p.h. was at no time a dangerous speed. They had it from a witness who was sitting beside the traffic officer, catching up with a car a quarter of a mile in front, that the combination was not going at a dangerous rate. In any case it
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MORE CANTON RUMOURS.

GEN. LI CHAI-SUM'S
MOVEMENTS.

GOVERNMENT PLANS ON
BANK NOTES.

FURTHER FAILURES.

A reliable report says that the rumour, now prevailing in Canton, that General Li Chai-sum spends all his nights on Shamoon, as a result of uneasiness concerning the activities of reactionary elements inside the city, is entirely false. Enquiries by Canton newspapers at General Li's Headquarters disclosed the fact that the General goes to his office to execute his duties as usual every day, and on Friday night he attended a banquet given by the Canton Political Council to celebrate the Chinese New Year, at which almost all the higher officials of the Government were present. On Saturday night, General Li gave a dinner party at which General Wang Shao-hung, the Kwangsi leader who left for the East River on the following day, was the guest of honour. General Li was said to have been present on both occasions.

The report concludes by saying that it is known that two nights ago General Li Chai-sum went to Shamoon to a dinner party given at a certain foreign Consulate and the party lasted until midnight, when General Li returned to his residence. This visit probably explains the false reports prevailing.

Anti-Piracy Work.

In view of pirate activity in Nin-fan-shan waters, near Canton, the Canton Government has instructed the two gunboats Kongkung and Kongkoo to scour these waters. They left Canton yesterday.

Two of the biggest gunboats of the Canton Navy, the Fuying and the Chunshun, have arrived at Canton from the East River, bringing back a number of wounded soldiers as well as prisoners taken during recent battles with the "Ironside" remnants.

The Chunshun arrived at Canton and berthed opposite the East Bund on Saturday. She is now employed on patrol duty on Canton River, but will return to Swatow in a few days' time. The Fuying arrived yesterday and is now anchored off Whampoa.

Bank Note Fluctuation.

The fluctuation in the value of Central Bank notes continues, following the edict of the Government that 80 per cent. of all payments for taxation must be made in silver coin.

In some quarters it is thought to be the idea of the Government to restore the value of the notes back to their former footing. Within the past few days, well-dressed Chinese, apparently Government officials, have been seen calling at the native banks and money shops in Shapsumhong, the place where most of the native banks are situated, producing large amounts of silver in exchange for Central Bank notes. It is thought that the Government intends to collect the notes at a low price
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Who was Martin Stannard ?

One of a little group of financiers
is found

SELF-POISONED

In the last agonies he has
written on a sheet of notepaper:

"Martin Stannard is back."

How does that explain his death?

And who is Stannard?

He is the Mystery Man in

THE

VANISHING

by

DOUGLAS NEWTON

The new and thrilling serial

which commences in the

"Telegraph"

TO-MORROW.

FALSE PRETENCES CASE.

RELEASED CAPTIVE GIVES
EVIDENCE.

AGAIN ADJOURNED.

The hearing was resumed before Major C. Willson, at the Central Magistrate's Court this morning, of the case in which Ho Tin, an ex-seaman, is charged with endeavouring to obtain \$4,000 from two Chinese women by pretending that he was authorised to collect this money for the purpose of securing the release of three relatives who were arrested as suspected Communists by the Chinese authorities in Shanghai.

Chan Kwok-chuen, one of the complainants, this morning stated that defendant visited her at her home at No. 17, Staunton Street and showed her the same document that he had produced in the other case. He then informed her that unless a sum of \$5,000 was forthcoming, her husband, Poon Yau-king, who was one of the captives, would be shot.

The circumstances connected with the man's arrival and demand for money aroused her suspicions. After putting him off for the time being, she boarded the President McKinley on January 3rd to proceed to Shanghai. There, independent enquiries made amongst her relatives, while establishing the fact of the arrest, also revealed that defendant held no authority to come down to Hongkong to collect the money. A telegram was immediately sent here warning the relatives.

Release Obtained.

Witness, proceeding, said she had a relative named Yu Fook-chi who opened negotiations with the Chinese authorities on the spot, and with funds amounting to \$2,900, secured from Hongkong ultimately obtained the release of all three captives. The money was handed to Yu Fook-chi, who acted as a go-between.

His Worship:—Have you any idea of where this money went to?—That I don't know. The money was handed to Yu Fook-chi.

Do you know what he did with it?—No.

Do you know who arrested these men?—I have been informed that it was people in Chinese territory who arrested my husband and his two companions.

Replying to further questions, witness said she did not know the exact authority who made the arrests, but she later saw them being released after the money was paid.

Defendant's Denial.

Replying to the Court, defendant said he merely informed witness and the other relatives here of the fact of the arrests, and did not for a moment suggest that he was to have the custody of the money himself.

His Worship (to witness):—So that had it not been for the defendant, your husband would still be a prisoner?—Yes; I had not heard of my husband's detention.

Your husband might have been shot?—I would have gone to Shanghai in any case.

It may be that, had you not arrived in time, your husband might have been shot?—Witness replied that she doubted whether this drastic step would be taken.

Still these delays are dangerous?—Witness replied that the appearance of the defendant in the case merely precipitated her departure for Shanghai, which she had already contemplated before the defendant's visit.

Her husband had been in Shanghai since August of last year, his object being to look for employment. He was at one time employed in the Wing On Company in Hongkong.

Captive's Story.

The next witness was one of the released captives, Hau Sun-fat, a son of the late Hau Hang, who was up till his death a few years ago, Chief Chinese detective in the Hongkong Police Force. He said he came to know the defendant when employed as a ship-runner in Shanghai. He met him at one of the steamship offices in that city.

On December 16th, with two companions, he was arrested by officials of the Bureau of Public Safety as a suspected Communist, being taken to the No. 5 District Station, and subsequently to the Headquarters of the Bureau, where he was interrogated.

He argued that there was no proof to sustain the charge, but, nevertheless, was detained for 37 days without being informed of what the Chinese authorities intended to do with him.

On the fourth day after his arrest, the defendant interviewed him in his cell and informed him that there were only five days more before he would be shot. Defendant then suggested that he should call on his relatives in
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"BEN HUR" A REAL TRIUMPH.

MASTERPIECE OF FILMS
SHOWN HERE.

CROWDED HOUSES.

Hongkong is indeed well favoured in so early having opportunity of seeing the most famous motion picture of all time—"Ben Hur," and the management of the Queen's Theatre is to be heartily complimented on its enterprise. Many famous writers and critics have lavished high praise on the film—a screen epic which was made not so much for profit (owing to the tremendous cost of the production) but which was an attempt by the producers to make the finest possible picture of the theme chosen. And just how well they have succeeded has been testified to by all who have seen and written of the play.

There were crowded houses at every performance yesterday and bookings for the remainder of the season are already very heavy.

It was the late Mr. Marcus Loew to whom the screen industry owes the production of "Ben Hur" because he wanted to make it a monument of what the best sort of American film production could do. It turned out to be the most expensive picture ever produced because Mr. Loew determined to have things right, even though they had to be done two and three times over. An entire company was taken to Rome for the chariot race, and a colossal reproduction of the Circus Maximus constructed, when owing to labour troubles and Government restrictions the whole thing was "scrapped" and the company taken back to America where the great circus scene was built up afresh. The fleet of Roman triremes, needed in the sea battle, was built in the shipyards at Genoa for the purpose of getting historical accuracy. The thrilling sea fight between the Romans and pirates took place in the Mediterranean Sea. The great ideal of the makers was "to get it right" and it is because of the accuracy of the settings, costumes, uniforms, etc., that "Ben Hur" is a triumph.

The Story.

The story of "Ben Hur" lends itself so wonderfully to the making of a great picture play. It deals with the truly historic days of Christ and the early Christians, of the power and might of Rome, of the subjugation of the Jews, and of stirring incident and high passions. "Ben Hur," the young scion of a princely Jewish house, finds himself among the despised—a lower being than the proud Romans who hold sway over his country. His humiliation and his sufferings, when he is sent as a galley slave, only serve to steel his heart and harden his sinews for revenge. The graphic manner in which he finds escape from slavery and how he becomes the idol of games-loving Rome constitute a specially appealing part of the picture. His search for his lost mother and sister takes him to Antioch, and it is in that romantic city where ancient East and West meet that he re-encounters Messala, once his friend but through whose imperious action he was wrongly condemned to his torture at the galley oars. The wonderful chariot race in which "Ben Hur" rides his enemy down to death is a never-to-be-forgotten thrill, and leaves one marvelling at the possibility of so realistic a performance. And the love story of "Ben Hur" is an especially moving one, mingled as it is with the influence of the newly-founded religion taught by the new King—the King who came without a sword, to save and not kill.

There are great mass scenes that have had no equal in screen history, and the wonderful play that has been made of imposing architecture and big lines is a treat in conception. The reproduction of the Circus Maximus, in which the chariot race is run, is nothing short of a triumph.

Fine Acting.

Some specially fine acting is done by Roman Navarro, who takes the title role, whilst Francis X. Bushman, as Messala, and May McAvoy, as Esther, worthily fill the principal supporting roles. The entire cast has been specially well chosen, and the directing is of the very finest.

The restraint with which the producers have handled the episodes which centre around the figure of Christ is particularly pleasing, and though the film is essentially orthodox, there is nothing that offends even the most sensitive susceptibilities. Fred Niblo, the Director, has made his greatest film, and the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer producers have created a new standard at which to aim.

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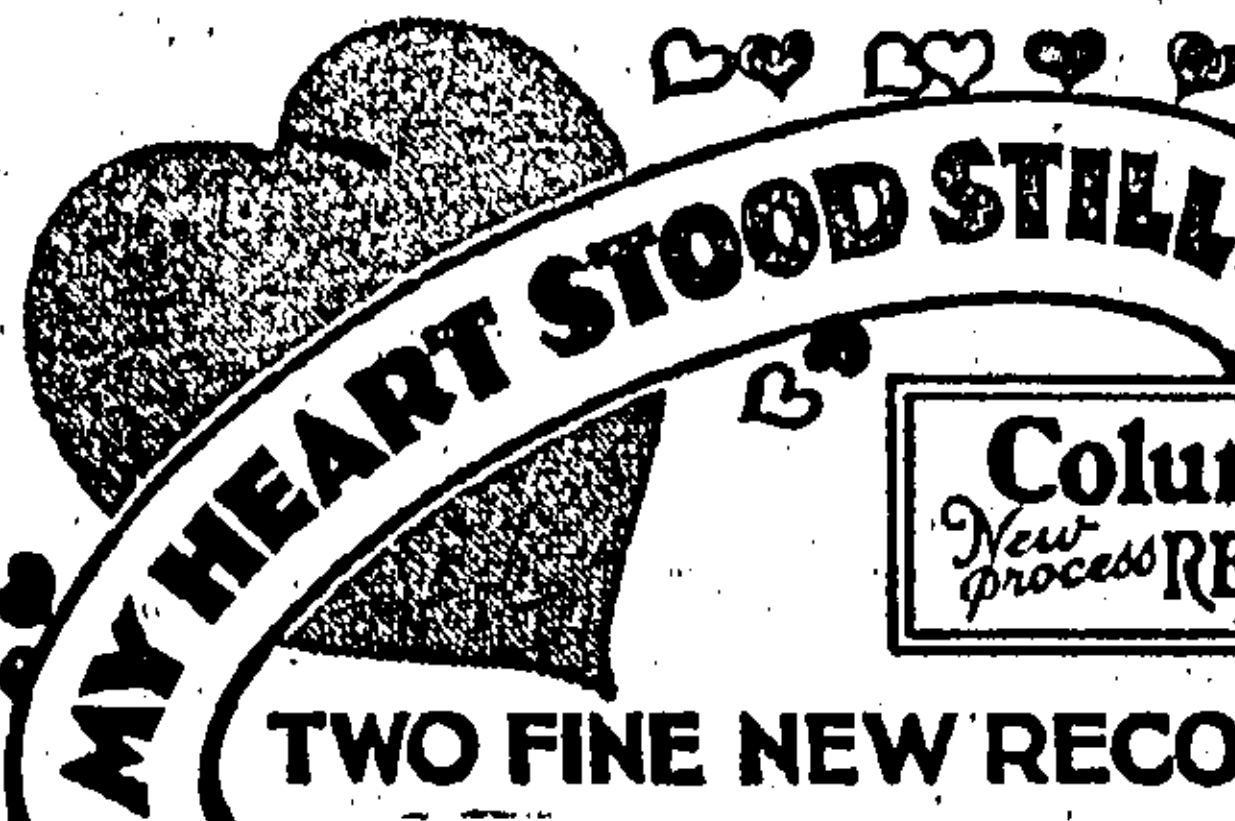


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OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English League and Scottish Cup matches (to be played on Saturday next, February 4th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the Telegraph during the weeks August 29—September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on February 4th:—

SCOTTISH CUP.
SECOND ROUND TIES.

Stenhouse-	v	Alloa.
muir	v	Hamilton.
Airdrie	v	Falkirk.
Ayr U.	v	Kilmarnock.
Forfar	v	Dundee.
Dundee U.	v	Dundee.

ENGLISH LEAGUE.
DIVISION I.

Huddersfield	v	Everton.
Wednesday	v	Sheffield U.
Burnley	v	Sunderland.

DIVISION II.

Fulham	v	Wolves.
West Brom.	v	Chelsea.

DIVISION III. (SOUTH).

Norwich	v	Northants.
Torquay	v	Southend.

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Burnley	v	Sunderland.
Fulham	v	Wolves.
West Brom.	v	Chelsea.
Norwich	v	Northants.
Torquay	v	Southend.

Hongkong Electric Company shares continued to rise to-day, in consequence of a demand said to be due to a rumour that the Company intends issuing new shares on advantageous terms to shareholders. Yesterday they opened at \$70, and this morning business was done as high as \$77.



F. A. CUP DRAW.

GREAT SHEFFIELD
"DERBY."

ARSENAL DRAWN AT HOME.

The English Cup competition is now reaching the exciting stages, the draw for the fifth round being detailed below. After the re-plays this week, only sixteen teams will remain in the competition, eleven of which will certainly be First Division teams.

The draw takes no fewer than seven out of eight matches to the North of England, unless Exeter brings off the totally unexpected and ousts Blackburn.

The most interesting match is the great Derby between the two Shield teams, the Wednesday and the United, while London is favoured with a most attractive match, the Arsenal being at home to Aston Villa.

Tottenham are away to Leicester and will be lucky to avoid defeat. Huddersfield, Manchester City, and Blackburn look big possibilities for the last eight, while the holders (Cardiff City) will be up against a stiff hurdle whichever of Notts Forest or Derby County proves successful.

The Draw Complete.

London, Jan. 30.
The draw for the fifth round of the Football Association Cup Competition was made to-day, resulting as follows:

Manchester Un.	v	Birmingham
Wednesday	v	Sheffield Un.
The Arsenal	v	Aston Villa.
Leicester	v	Tottenham.
Manchester City	v	Stoke City.
Huddersfield	v	Middlesbrough.
Exeter	v	Blackburn
Derby or Notts	v	Port Vale.
Forest	v	Cardiff City.

Matches to be played on February 18th.—*Reuter.*

THE TEST MATCH.

ENGLAND ALL OUT BEFORE
LUNCH.

SOUTH AFRICA LEAD.

Johannesburg, Jan. 30.
In bright weather, on a fairly fast wicket, before a small attendance, England increased their first innings score to 205 before the last man was out. Bissett took four wickets for 43 and Hall six for 100.

South Africa had scored 88 for the loss of two wickets when lunch was taken.—*Reuter.*

Taylor's Century.

During the afternoon South Africa carried their score to 202 for five wickets. Taylor was dismissed just after completing his century, with 101 runs to his credit.

England's total was passed soon after the tea interval and when stumps were drawn South Africa were all out for 328, being thus 63 runs on. Cameron contributed 64.—*Reuter.*

BOXING TOURNAMENT.

SOME DISTINGUISHED
VISITORS.

It is announced that H. E. Major-General C. C. Luard will be present at the Hongkong Boxing Association's tournament on Saturday night at the Lee Theatre. Commander Alvaro Morna, of the Portuguese transport, *Pero d'Alenquer*, will also attend.

Mr. R. M. Dyer, the President of the Association, is returning to the Colony on the P. & O. s.s. *Moldavia* on February 3rd and there is therefore every possibility that he too will be an interested spectator.

Dr. Sydney Smith, Professor of Forensic Medicine in the University of Egypt, and Principal Medico-Legal Expert to the Egyptian Government, has been appointed to the Chair of Forensic Medicine, Edinburgh University, in the room of the late Professor Harvey Littlejohn.

INTERPORT RUGBY.

HOW HONGKONG DEFEATED
SHANGHAI.

THRILLING GAME.

A driving drizzle, wet ground, and general unpleasant conditions were not sufficient to keep a large crowd of Rugby enthusiasts away from the Interport rugby match with Hongkong at Shanghai on Monday, when the visiting fifteen, though handicapped by injuries which reduced their side to fourteen early in the game and forced them to finish with only thirteen players, beat the strong Shanghai team by six points to three (two tries to one). The game was played on the Cricket Club ground, by courtesy of the club authorities, the polo ground being like a swamp. The turf was in excellent condition though soft and slippery, while the ball soon became almost unholdable owing to the wet.

The match was (says the *N. C. Daily News*) one of the most thrilling seen in Shanghai for years, when in the closing stages Shanghai, six points behind, battered constantly on the Hongkong line, getting over once far on the left, but being unable to pierce the strong Hongkong defence during the last few minutes. Hongkong won through superior tactics and fine opportunism. Wales, the visiting skipper, made few attempts to open up the game, working the touchlines consistently, while Shanghai persisted in playing as if it were a dry day, heeling out to the backs who could not handle the ball, though they repeatedly attempted to get into their stride. Often these movements ended in the ball slipping from the grasp of a Shanghai player, and Hongkong forwards and outstades making ground thereby.

Hongkong's two scores came in just this fashion. In the first, Lammert picked the ball out of Hubbard's hands when that player endeavoured to grasp it, and raced three quarters the length of the field for the touchdown. In the second Pritchard on the other wing did almost identically the same thing, snatching the ball from Neil and touching down between the posts. Dale failed with an easy kick.

The teams lined up as follows:—
Shanghai: G. S. Dunkley; L. Goldman, E. C. Hubbard, V. W. Stanion, G. S. McGill; A. J. W. Evans, W. D. Nell; R. M. Currie, P. A. Watkinson, E. R. Rodgers, C. E. Fleury, W. R. Meathair, A. J. Kane, D. W. B. Murray, F. B. Pawley.

Hongkong: Lt. Com. A. E. Thomson; G. P. Lammert, L. M. S. Lloyd, G. F. H. Richard, A. E. Pritchard, F. L. Foster, L. J. H. Dale, F. H. Traves, R. F. Akhurst, Lt. J. B. Kealy, W. Beveridge, Lt. H. A. Grant, S. M. Garrard.

Sgt. Vaughan of the Welch Regiment referred.

United Services Victory.

The United Services scored an unexpected easy victory over the Hongkong Rugby Interport side at Shanghai on the polo ground by 35 points to eight. The ground was in a very bad condition, being practically a sea of mud soon after the start. The Services, having the advantage in the pack and immediately behind, where Way and Joseph played a great game together, outplayed the Hongkongites, save for a short period in the second half, when the visitors showed something of the form they displayed against Shanghai. Hongkong, however, were not at full strength, the toll of injuries in the Interport having been heavy. MacIntyre and Nichol from Shanghai deputized in the scrum and at full back in the places of those unable to turn out.

United Services: Kavanagh; Norman, Kellett, Low, Fogarty; Josephs, Way; Cripps, Agnew, Sewell, Thwaites, Hughes-Hallett, Rhodes, Burke, Morgan.

Hongkong: Nichol; Pritchard, Lloyd, Blehard, Lammert; Davies; Wales; Foster, Dale, Kealy, Beveridge, Raikes, Grant, Middleton-Smith, MacIntyre.

Mr. Holdsworth refereed.

Returns from the Clyde shipyards show that the year's output has been almost double that of its predecessor. The work on hand is also substantial. A Glasgow correspondent states that the prospects generally suggest that the corner in the long lane of depression has at last been turned.

THE HONGKONG DEBACLE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

being in too treacherous a state for play, following the heavy rains of the week-end. Every seat round the arena was filled before the kick-off, and the enthusiasm of the crowd knew no bounds when, after 13 minutes play, Collaco, in a praiseworthy attempt to send the ball clean through the net, crashed home Shanghai's first point, and 15 minutes later Goldman gave Shanghai the two goal load with which the home team crossed over, by the most sensational shot of the match—from 30 or more yards out, a flash which hurtled past Clark while the goalie was still making his dive.

Wonderful Goalie.
Clark was the outstanding figure of the day. Opposed by a swift and sharp-shooting line of forwards, who were supported by the most brilliant half-line Shanghai has ever possessed, Clark brought off save after save, each one excellent in its kind. From his knees, diving at full length, lunging high to punch clear, or dashing out to pick up a dribble kicked too far ahead, he never made a mistake, and the appreciation of the crowd found vent in roars of admiration. Clark did not have the assistance of a perfect understanding with his backs, as had Frearson in the opposite goal, yet came through with a record which will take a lot of lowering in years to come.

Punctually to time, the teams lined up as follows:—

Shanghai: B. Frearson, C. Hathaway, W. E. Palmer; J. W. Pote-Hunt, S. V. Gash (Capt.), A. S. Costa; R. Favacho, H. C. Collaco, L. Goldman, W. T. Lee, H. B. Gee.

Hongkong: W. Clark; Ng Kam-chuen, Lai Yuk-tat; C. F. Remedios, J. Sims, Lam Yuk-ying; T. Kwal-shing, F. McNiven, A. V. Gosano, Suen Kam-shun, Rev. C. P. F. Alexander (Capt.).

From the start the pace was terrific, with the ball visiting each citadel alternately. The Shanghai half-back line in attack and defence soon showed that it was to be the deciding factor in the contest. Pote-Hunt proved amply capable to meet the demands made upon him by Alexander and Suen, breaking up their combination cleverly and giving Favacho and Collaco chances to stand out brilliantly. Gash, while losing none of his neatness, effectively bottled up all close movements, finding time even to engage in a duel with Sims, from which he came out with flying colours and the Shanghai attack benefited considerably. Costa had a harder nut to crack in Tso and McNiven on the right wing for the visitors, but at no time allowed them to take control, his slides and clever interceptions early on proving baffling to the tricky opposition.

Favacho Shows Up.

With the Hongkong attacks being thus dealt with before they could properly materialize, the Shanghai forwards had many chances. Favacho more than justified his inclusion by a series of fine runs and centres, from one of which Goldman brought Clark to his knees with a shot which might have beaten any other goalie. Gosano puffed Frearson with one very similar almost immediately afterwards, which the marine gathered well and sent back up the field.

From end to end of the field the ball travelled, every man of the 22 contributing to the excitement of the game. Goldman got clean through, but was pulled back for offside—a failing of which the Shanghai attack was guilty a number of times during the first half. Then a clever centre by Alexander was headed clear by Pote-Hunt, who sent Favacho away on the right. Clark partially cleared Favacho's shot, and Goldman missed one of the few sitters which came his way during the 90 minutes, by ballooning over an open goal.

Shanghai kept up the pressure. Favacho and Collaco forced a corner together. The kick beautifully taken, resulted in a scrimmage in the goal-mouth, the Hongkong defence blocking several shots. Clark was brought to his knees while attempting to clear, and the ball bounced to Collaco who had an open goal and got every ounce behind his kick—to make doubly sure of the opening point. This was about 13 minutes after the start.

Clark Clears Well.

Hardly had the cheering subsided than Shanghai was back knocking at Hongkong goal-gate. Clark responded finely, throwing clear once, charging out to intercept a centre from Favacho the next minute, keeping marvellous care of his charges. A free kick against McNiven for hands gave Shanghai an opening and a shot as he had begun with sensational clearances, and it was due to him that Shanghai did not still further increase the score, though Favacho had had luck in hitting the corner of the upright and crossbar with one perfect attempt.

mouth. Gash headed clear, and Sims tried a long shot which went wide.

Shanghai swept down the field in turn and Goldman and Clark met again as the former headed a lovely cross from Gee into the goal, the goalie stooping low to reach the ball. Immediately afterwards, Lee kicked behind. Pote-Hunt tried one which went wide, and shots from Goldman and Collaco were charged down by a defence which was packing its goal. Tso brought relief to Hongkong with a fine run down the right which Costa only just stopped in time. Then Pote-Hunt set the forwards attacking again. Lee extended Clark with a good shot which had to be thrown clear. Hongkong returned to the home area, and Frearson made a sensational stop of a hot shot by Suen from an offside position. The free-kick relieved.

Game Swings Evenly.

This saw a slight slackening off in the pace, with the pendulum swinging evenly between both goals. Towards the end of the half, however, Shanghai established their superiority again, and Clark was once more put under a barrage of shots. Goldman hit the upright with a hot one which had beaten Clark, but the goalie negotiated everything that came his way in admirable style, the crowd expressing approval of his efforts in no uncertain style. McNiven showed up well for Hongkong in a fine run, finishing with a shot which Frearson cleared well. But on the whole Shanghai pressed in the closing few minutes of the period.

The hardly-worked-for reward came a few minutes before the interval. Alexander had mislaid off towards his own goal while the Hongkong forwards attacked, and this turned the balance in favour of Shanghai. Gash passed up to Goldman who tricked Ng and shot while Lai was in the act of tackling him. The ball entered the net from a range of about 20 yards, travelling at a terrific pace about four feet above the ground and well out of Clark's reach. The half came to an end as Shanghai swept down again, and Gee tested Clark with the last kick of the period.

The question which agitated the minds of Shanghai supporters in the second half was whether the Hongkong attack would assert itself on the better turf of the South end, but it was soon demonstrated that Shanghai intended to remain on top, and while Palmer and Hathaway were kept more occupied than they had been in the first period, on the whole the balance of the game remained preponderantly in Shanghai's favour. Shanghai soon established a lead which detracted much from the interest of the game as a match, and the outstanding incidents of the half may be briefly recounted.

Tso was seriously warned for jumping at Palmer, a trick which he showed an inclination to use all through the game. Shanghai scored a third point by a clever piece of work between Collaco and Favacho which the latter finished by tricking Ng and centring across to Lee, who had nothing to do but tap the ball through. McNiven received a nasty bang over the eye in a collision with Palmer and had to go off for a while. Hongkong made several dangerous raids, but the Shanghai defence tackled fearlessly and cleared.

Shanghai went four up through pretty combination by Lee and Gee, finishing with a centre to Collaco in the goalmouth, which left the latter with nothing in front of him. McNiven returned to the game, bandaged up, but almost immediately Shanghai broke through a fifth time, a move on the right leaving Gee plenty of time to steady the ball when it came to him and give Clark no chance at all.

The sixth point came as a result of a wonderful scrimmage in the goalmouth after Clark had been bowled over in running out to meet Favacho. Lai cleared almost miraculously with an overhead kick out of an empty goal. A heading contest in which at least half a dozen players got to the ball was closed by Favacho who nodded the sphere through out of Clark's reach.

The last point was the prettiest of all. McNiven had fallen back to the half-line in place of Sims, who had gone up in a forlorn hope for Hongkong, but even McNiven's vigorous tackling could not check Shanghai. Gash slipped the ball out to Gee, who tapped it in to Goldman who dribbled it right up to Clark before rolling it through.

Several Hongkong attacks were blocked and once Sims shot over when well placed. Frearson saved well from Alexander, close in, but the game ended with Shanghai pressing again. Clark finished as he had begun—with sensational clearances, and it was due to him that Shanghai did not still further increase the score, though Favacho had had luck in hitting the corner of the upright and crossbar with one perfect attempt.



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ALLEGED PLOT.

IRISH GOVERNOR'S LIFE IS IN DANGER.

London, Jan. 30.

News of an alleged plot against Mr. James McNeill, the new Governor-General of the Irish Free State, who is to be installed in Vice Regal Lodge on February 1, is stated to have been received at Scotland Yard from the police in Dublin.

Armed detectives were immediately entrusted with the task of protecting Mr. McNeill, who is at present in London.

Special precautions are to be taken for his safety when he crosses to take up Irish residence.

Close Guard Kept.

Later, a strict watch was being kept by the Police on Mr. McNeill's house in Kensington all night long. Several motorcars arrived at the house at eight this morning. Three contained detectives and the others, luggage guarded by detectives. When Mr. McNeill reached Euston Station the detectives escorted him to a special coach in front of the train where the platform was barricaded and only bearers of Scotland Yard permits were allowed to enter. Mr. McNeill, who was very cheerful, declined to receive pressmen. Detectives accompanied him on the train to Holyhead.

U. S. & BRITAIN.

MR. HEARST'S APPEAL TO ANGLO-SAXON STOCK.

New York, Jan. 30.

Strong criticism of the policy of the United States Government, and an appeal for co-operation by the English-speaking nations of the world, is contained in a signed article published by Mr. W. R. Hearst, the leading United States newspaper proprietor, in his chain of newspapers, condemning the Government's policy in participating in the Pan-American Conference, which he declares is a losing venture for the United States.

He says it is natural for the weak Latin-American nations to combine against the powerful Anglo-Saxon Republic of the north. The conference only emphasises the fundamental differences, which are those of race, and he suggests the United States should turn to the northern boundary rather than to the southern.

A great opportunity for the welfare of the world lies in co-operation by the English-speaking peoples.

The article is significant, as it follows a similar appeal published by Mr. Hearst, a year ago, which created great interest all over the world.

SHANTUNG FAMINE.

CONDITIONS BECOMING WORSE DAILY.

Peking, Jan. 30.

The International Famine Commission announce that conditions in Shantung and South Chihli are becoming worse daily. This is indicated by the fact that the villagers are pulling down their houses to sell the material for food and fuel. In many villages only the bare walls are standing.

Emigration to Manchuria continues on a large scale. In some districts sixty per cent have left and thirty per cent of those remaining are sick. Many farms are abandoned and the farm animals are disappearing.

Local officials are feeding many of the people. Four hundred and twenty thousand dollars worth of grain have been received from Manchuria. The military authorities are getting aside one train exclusively to be used to bring grain to Shantung. The Government agencies have also distributed 10,000 suits of clothing.

The American committee of the China Famine fund have voted \$872,848 and the Japanese Red Cross have sent Yen 2,000 for the stricken area.

BIG SWORD BANDITS.

NUISANCE BEING DISPOSED OF IN TUNGWHA.

Peking, Jan. 30.

The Big Sword bandit nuisance in Tungwha is being disposed of as Government troops are scouring the area. On the 27th last, the troops encountered and split up a body of 300 Big Swords, killing 15.

INTERPORT GOLF.

SHANGHAI'S GREAT VICTORY.

Shanghai brought off a great victory in the Interport golf match against Hongkong by winning five of the six singles yesterday. Murray was the only Hongkong player to secure a point. Adding the four scores played on Friday, Shanghai won by six points to three.

The weather was cold and there was a fairly strong breeze blowing across some of the holes, and this naturally had an effect on the play. The golf, however, on the whole was well up to Interport standard.

The closest match of the day was that between the respective champions of Hongkong and Shanghai, L. R. Andrews and A. R. Blinks. At the end of the thirty-six holes it was all square, but Blinks gained the verdict at the 37th.

Gunning put up a splendid performance against Doddwell. He did the first eight holes in the afternoon in 11. He was deadly on the putting green and sank a number of long ones. Erskine and Malcolm had a very good tussle, as also did Pendered and Budd. Blinks was well beaten by Pendered, who played splendidly throughout, and Murray had the measure of Pettitt.

After the morning round there was nothing in it. Hongkong were leading on two matches, were behind on two, and the others were square. Shanghai had the better of the afternoon play.

Foursomes.

Hongkong	Shanghai
Pendered & Doddwell	Budd & Blinks (10 & 9)
Erskine & Blinks (3 & 2)	Malcolm & Pettitt (10 & 9)
Andrews & Murray (4 & 3)	Pettitt & Gunning (4 & 3)
Murray (4 & 3)	Pettitt
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Murray (4 & 3)	Pettitt

THE GOLF DINNER.

Happy Gathering at Lane, Crawfords.

There was a happy gathering at Messrs. Lane, Crawfords last night when the golf interport dinner was held. Those present included the Shanghai, Manila and Hongkong teams together with a number of local golfers. The chair was taken by the Captain of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, and Sir Henry Gollan was amongst those present.

After the loyal toasts to His Majesty the King and the President of the United States of America had been honoured, the chairman proposed the toast to the visitors and said that there had been sufficient enjoyment and sport during the past week to justify the matches being put on the records. However, before the games were put on record it was decided to provide a good deal of discussion, a good deal of argument and a good

ITALIAN BIG STICK.

LONDON PAPERS COMMENT ON BALKAN AFFAIR.

London, Jan. 30.

The papers give prominence to the disturbing note published by the Fascist organ which announces the postponement of the demarcation of the Italo-Yugo-Slav Treaty which has just been extended for six months.

[A message dated Rome, January 29, said that the statement says that all preparations of the Yugo-Slav army have been directed against Italy, Yugo-Slav has six months in which to give a new turn to her policy towards Italy, who can wait without fears for future events.]

deal of reminiscence before the next interport fixtures came along. They had had a whole week of golf matches and the teams had finished up all square. The result was "you were it." He did not think anyone cared very much who won. The territorial antagonism was only an excuse for further fixtures.

Good Fellowship.

The true value of the matches was that they collected the best golfers in sight and provided much good fellowship. They could not control the weather and had been rather let down by it but with a good course they had all the materials for a good time.

The visitors from Shanghai and Manila, not forgetting Borneo, had provided local golfers with a good time, good fellowship and good matches. Among the visitors were some old friends, including the two able Captains. But the visitors were all good fellows as all varieties of golf must necessarily be. Hongkong could only say to the visitors that they were heartily glad to see them and would be heartily glad to see them again, win or lose.

Similar sentiments were expressed by Mr. Pendered who also expressed the keen pleasure Hongkong felt at being able to entertain visitors from Shanghai and Manila.

Replying for Shanghai Mr. Budd thanked the hosts for the wonderful time they had provided the visitors with. They looked forward to their visit to Hongkong because it gave them a chance to play on a real course for a change.

One reason they won was because they had left the cup behind. That was partly his fault. Therefore they had to win, or else they have lost a lot of face in having to get the cup from Shanghai. They had managed to win by a lot of luck.

They were very pleased to play against Manila and congratulated the southern team on their victory. He understood that Hongkong was visiting Shanghai in October and if Manila was able to pay them a visit at the time they would only be too pleased to see them.

Mr. Jolly, speaking on behalf of the Manila team, said that this was the first time the team had gone back with a victory. Manila had at last beaten Shanghai. He thanked Hongkong for its hospitality after referring to the change in temperature between Saturday and Sunday, a change seldom experienced in Manila. A varied musical programme was given after dinner, a most enjoyable time being spent by all present.

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THE SIM SHIELD.

ARMY TEAM AGAINST HOCKEY CLUB.

The Army team to meet the Hongkong Hockey Club in the Sim Shield contest, on the U.S.R.C. ground next Wednesday, at 4.30 p.m., will be:

Capt. Renny (K.O.S.B.), Sgt. Dods (Queen's), and Sgt. Hooper (Queen's); Lt. Kelly (Queen's), Capt. Webb (5/2nd Punjab), and Major Greig (R.E.); Lt. Dickinson (Queen's), Capt. Howard (R.A.), Lt. Burton (Queen's), Capt. Dobbie (K.O.S.B.), and Sgt. Rancombe (Queen's).
Reserves: Rev. J. P. Murray, Y.M.C.A., Kowloon; Lieut. Shillington (K.O.S.B.), Capt. Jacobs-Larkcom (R.E.), Cpl. Jones (Queen's), and Sgt. O'Flaherty (R.A.M.C.).

Army-Air Force Match Postponed.
For the first time this season the schedule for Sim Shield competition was interfered with. Yesterday the Army was due to meet the Royal Air Force in the first round but owing to the inclement weather the match had to be postponed. It will be played at a later date.

Provided the ground is in a fit condition to-morrow, the Army will engage the Hongkong Hockey Club in the second round. The first match between these two teams resulted in a victory for the military players who won by four goals to one.

UZCUDUN'S SUCCESS.

WINS LATIN-AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP.

Mexico City, Jan. 30.
In a contest over fifteen rounds for the Latin-American heavyweight championship, Paulino Uzcudun knocked out the Mexican, Romero Rojas.

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Hongkong, 30th July 1927.

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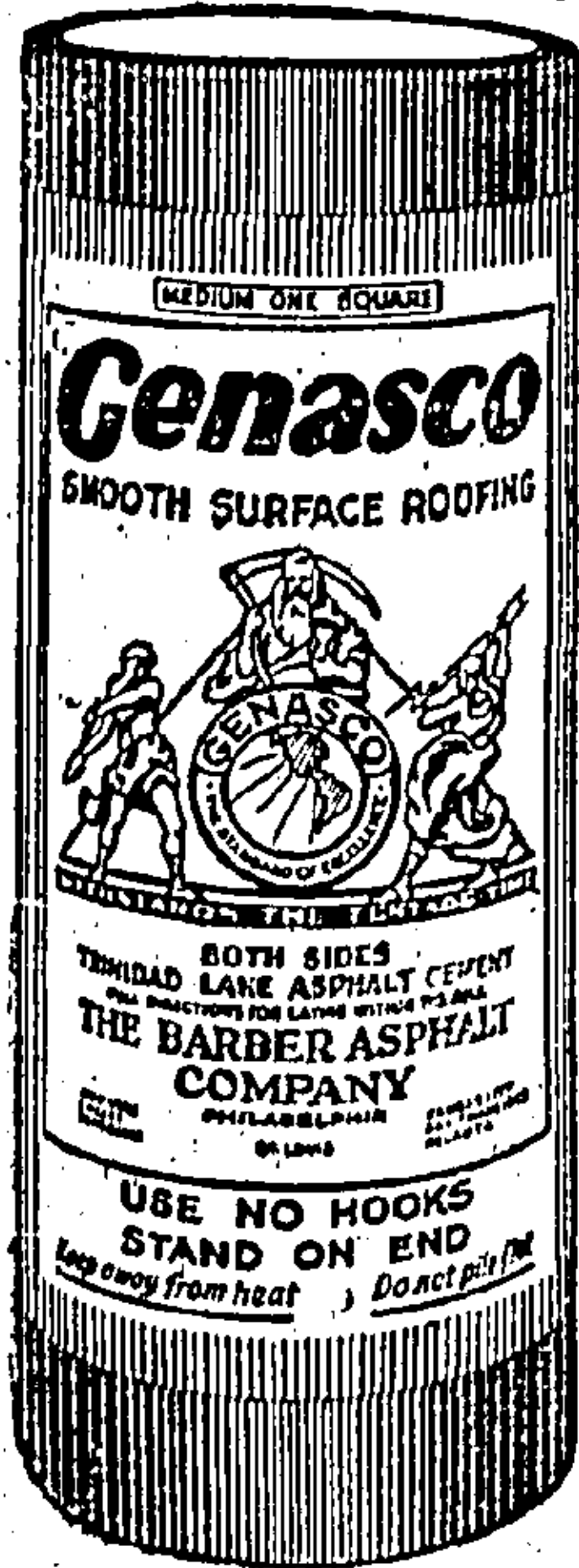
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Cheapest and Best
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ENGLISH WORDS IN FRENCH.

**M. SOUDAY RAISES CRY OF
ALARM.**

"COCKTAIL" OR "COQUETEL"?

Paris.—The Academie Francaise is always on guard to defend the French language against invasion, and meets once-a-week to decide which new words shall be allowed to cross the line of trenches, and which shall be kept out. The troops on these occasions can hardly be said to be numerous, and rarely muster more than half-a-dozen; but they usually include, as is fitting for such a task, two Marshals of France, Foch and Joffre, and when the next edition of the Dictionary appears, they will be found to have stood nobly to their guns.

This will not be for a good many years, however—the Academicians are now at the letter M—and meanwhile it is feared that the invading forces may have turned the defences and taken possession of the fortress. M. Paul Souday raised a cry of alarm the other day in the Temps about the English words which are establishing themselves in Paris, and now the Municipal Council is proposing to impose a special tax—as is done in Italy—on all street signs and advertisements which are not in French. It is once more against English that this measure is obviously directed; for although a tradesman with an affectionate recollection of his early grounding in the humanities attempted an advertisement in Latin the other day he withdrew it when he discovered that, correctly construed, it meant the opposite of what he thought, and spoke evil instead of good about what he wanted to sell. His example is not likely to be followed.

English advertisements, on the other hand, abound, and an old-fashioned Parisian who was accused of wasting too much of his time lounging about the boulevards—there are not many left of such pleasantly idle men—could answer, with some justification that he was not wasting his time—he was learning English. In deed, according to some Parisians, who do not, I fear, know their London, you must go as far as Leicester-square to be surrounded by sky signs to make you feel you are in France.

Some Ludicrous Mistakes.

I am not sure, nevertheless, whether some of the advertisers are not under the same kind of illusion—but, unlike him, remain under it—as was the ambitious Latinist. I wonder, for instance, whether many Englishmen would be tempted to enter a hairdresser's by seeing it announced in large letters as a Lavatory, or whether they would guess, on the other hand, that a flat contained complete modern sanitary arrangements if they were told, as they would surely be by a house agent, that it was fitted with "le confort"—note the spelling. This connotation of the word must not, by the way, be associated with its use when it means that motor tyres are of the kind which in England would be called balloon. In fact, many of the devices which are confidently expected to be tempting to the English visitor are likely to inspire in him about as much confidence as the notice, recently posted up in a baker's shop—the baker is a small but useful advertising centre in Paris, as he is also a servant agency—to the effect that a lady would be willing to give lessons in "French, English, and other objects."

Cleanliness and Godliness.

I am never quite sure whether it is really the Englishman who is expected to be attracted by these anglicisms. No doubt it is the former who is in view when a seaside hotel is said to be able to supply "lawn tennis, divine service, baths." In carefully-chosen order of preference, but it is probably the latter who is impressed when the same hotel becomes large enough to be called a "palace." He would laugh if it was called a "palais," just as he would consider a place of entertainment ridiculously old-fashioned or plebeian if it were described as a "palais de danse" instead of a "select dancing." Thus, also only places of ancient or European reputation can now afford to take the almost forgotten name of restaurant. If your house, though small, has any pretensions to smartness, it must be a "grill-room"—it need not have a grill—or a "bar."

Many French tradesmen who wish to give the English touch do not go to the trouble of laying in an English word. They take the "e" off the end of a French one, and put an apostrophe, fol-

lowed by an "s" instead. Moreover, the "s" is not understood to add any indication of the possessive case. It is generally accepted as merely making the French word into an English one. You can, of course, take a word which you know to be English, and make it more English still by adding "s" to it. Thus, there is a very French tailor who calls himself, Dobb's; but there are also shops which are busy changing Marianne into Mariann's, just as, on the day after the declaration of war in 1914, there were whole rows of busy little men on ladders in Whitechapel, painting out Oppenheim into Rutherford.

Sport and Cookery.

The English linguistic invasion has, however, gone further than merely commercial regions. The other day Tristan Bernard was reproached with having consented to become president of a body which called itself the Sporting Club; but what else could you call it? as the cricket professional said when he was asked why that sort of ball was called a "yorker." "Cecile sportif" might sound more French for a moment, but "sportif" is half an English word, after all, though it is not a translation of "sportive." Indeed, even the most patriotic of French purists admit the dominance of English in all matters connected with athletic exercise, and agree, when they go for a walking tour, to talk of it as "le footing," and hardly complain when a "sportman" prefers to point to his achievements at "le rowing" rather than to vaunt his prowess at what sounds like the more childish pursuit of "canoeing." They console themselves with the reflection that French words have long held an equal dominance in matters connected with the kitchen.

In this department, indeed, they rally their forces. They have been obliged to admit the cocktail—the thing, as well as the word—although the dechards still denounce it as fatal to a true palate for the great wines of France. They have set themselves, however, to prove that the word is really a French one come home again, and that its proper spelling is "coquetel."

But nobody believes them.

RUBBER OUTLOOK.

**OPTIMISTIC COMMENT IN
LONDON.**

London, Jan. 30.
The rubber share market is steadier on the slight recovery in the commodity price although there is still a fair amount of selling.

Reviewing the latest Board of Trade figures of exports a well-known firm of stockbrokers points out that the situation in the commodity market appears to be actually improving and optimism is felt regarding future deliveries since the heavy stocks are due to flood disorganisation.

The papers report a Java amalgamation of the British Rubber Company, Waverley and Toegoesari Tybar.

BRILLIANT FUNCTION.

**IMPRESSIVE SYMPOSIUM OF
SHAKESPEARE'S SCENES.**

New York, Jan. 30.

One of the most brilliant functions in the history of the American stage was held at the Metropolitan Opera House, when hundreds of people prominent in social, business and financial circles gathered to witness an impressive symposium of Shakespeare's famous garden scenes, staged for the benefit of the American Shakespeare Memorial Fund. One hundred and fifty leading American actresses and a number of prominent British actors participated.—*Reuter's American Service.*

CABINET PROBLEM.

**YEN TZE-PU TO REMAIN
FINANCE MINISTER.**

Peking, Jan. 30.

According to well-informed Chinese circles the replacement of Yen Tze-pu, the Finance Minister, is proving very difficult. The post has been offered successively to Li Shih-hao and Wang Keh-min, both refusing it. It has therefore been decided that Yen Tze-pu shall continue in office temporarily.—*Reuter.*

NEWSPAPERS LEAD ALL OTHERS

An interesting survey was recently conducted of a middle western American city of more than half a million people, to find out where the buying public received its inspiration for their purchasing. The question was asked what form of advertising influenced them most—magazine, street car, billboard or newspaper. In order to be fair, newspapers were put at the end of the list. The results were as follows:

Kind of Advertising	Number Influenced	Per Cent Population
Newspapers	110,868	90.3
Magazine	9,050	7.3
Street Car	2,036	1.6
Billboard	731	0.6

CANTON'S REIGN OF TERROR

Photographs showing the terrible
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For half a century the Virginia Leaf used in the manufacture of **THREE CASTLES** Cigarettes has been of the same High Quality Standard.
The world-wide success that the brand has attained has justified the manufacturing ideal—to provide an article that is dependable—always.

50 years ago

**ALSO PACKED
IN REGULAR
50's AND 20's**

**Three
Castles
CIGARETTES.**

This advertisement is issued by the British-American Tobacco Co. (China) Ltd.

THE PASSING OF EARL HAIG.

(Continued from Page 1.)

not merely like a patriot but like a great gentleman.

M. Clemenceau, who was Prime Minister of France at the time of victory, says: "In my estimation, Earl Haig was the best general Britain ever had, and his was the largest contribution towards the Allied victory."

M. Painleve, the French War Minister, has telegraphed to the British War Office: "Our Army offers its homage in recognition of the great qualities which were shown in his glorious mission and the fearless part which he played in the common victory. We feel deeply the loss which England has suffered and offer the British Army, in the name of the French Army and myself, this expression of my profound sympathy."—*British Wireless.*

Deep Love For Country.

London, Jan. 30. Earl Haig died in London. His last public utterance showed his deep love for his country. Speaking on Saturday at the enrolment ceremony of the Twentieth (Earl Haig's Own) Troop of Boy Scouts, consisting of sons of disabled ex-servicemen employed in the British Legion factory at Richmond, Earl Haig said: "Stand up for England when people speak disrespectfully of her and try to realise what citizenship and public spirit really mean."

HONGKONG STUDENTS ASSOCIATION.

DISSOLVED BY CANTON GOVERNMENT.

At a meeting held on Saturday in the Provincial Department of the Kuomintang in Canton it was decided to recommend that the Hongkong Students' Association, in Canton, should be proscribed by the Government.

An appeal was later made to the Government and on the following day the Public Safety Bureau dissolved the Association. It is said that some anti-Government elements have been associated with the Members of the Association, and that this led to its being closed down.

Earl Haig died at his brother-in-law's house, where he was staying. He was about to retire at midnight when he collapsed as he was sitting on the edge of the bed. He did not lose consciousness, but death came very quickly. The doctors believe that heart failure, which was the immediate cause of death, was brought on by the strain of war years.—*Reuter.*

A GREAT CAREER.

An Ideal Army Leader.

By the death of Earl Haig, the Empire has lost one of its greatest soldiers and the Ex-Servicemen their truest friend. When we recall his brilliant leadership of the British Forces in the Great War, it is a little difficult to realise that before those days, the late Earl Haig should be so very little known to the public. When, in December, 1915, in succession to Lord French, Sir Douglas Haig assumed Command of the British Army in France he was mainly familiar to the public through his exploits as a dashing leader of cavalry. Except to those in military authority his knowledge of the scientific aspects of modern warfare was scarcely known at all. But cavalry work had never been an obsession with the Commander-in-Chief. All aspects of warfare always fascinated him—whether in organisation, tactics, or strategy there was no problem that found him unprepared or unready. Cool, patient, gifted in a high degree with the power of concentrating on the problem immediately at hand, fired with the passionate enthusiasm for the splendid spirit of the Armies under his command, imperturbable as is the way of men of his race, the occasion created by the retirement of Lord French plainly found in him the man for whom it called.

Sir Douglas Haig, as he then was, had already been severely tested in the war. Appointed to command the First Army Corps, he was instantly tried—and tried very highly indeed—before Mons, where he got his corps away with comparatively small losses. From then until the time of his appointment as Commander-in-Chief, in every grave emergency on the British front he bore the brunt of most of the fighting and invariably exhibited the highest qualities of

leadership. No detail was too small for his personal attention; no crisis too great for an immediate decision. Swift in decision, resolute in action, unerring in his judgment, yet sparing of words, withal, he proved himself an ideal leader for our new Armies under the new conditions.

"Lucky Haig."

In his earlier career death came near him many times. "Lucky Haig" was his sobriquet in these days. This, however, had reference to incidental things. It was not luck but sheer ability and a rare capacity for the handling of men that placed him at the head of the British Army in France.

Born in 1861, Earl Haig was a member of an ancient family of the Kingdom of Fife. From Clifton he proceeded to Brasenose, Oxford, and joined the 7th Hussars in 1885. He also passed the Staff College with distinction. His first war service was in the Sudan in 1898, where he obtained promotion. In the South African War he earned instant fame as a cavalry leader, and was in the battle of Elandslaagte, the operations round Colenso, the relief of Kimberley, and at Paardeberg. He returned from that country with the brevet rank of lieutenant-colonel, and was twice mentioned in despatches. He was promoted major-general in 1904. Subsequently he held various important commands at home and in India. In the latter country he was Chief of Staff from 1909 until 1912, when he was transferred to the Aldershot command, which he occupied until mobilisation for the Great War took place in 1914.

The deceased was made a Field Marshal on January 1st, 1917, and a Knight of the Thistle in July of the same year. He received the Military Medal from France after the brilliant advance of the British troops in August, 1918, whilst for his great services in the War he received the Order of Merit and an Earldom, with a grant of £100,000. On his return from the War, he was accorded a fine welcome on driving through London. He was appointed, in 1919, Commander-in-Chief of the Forces in Britain, a post which was later abolished, and in 1925 he made a tour of Canada on behalf of Ex-Servicemen. He married in 1908

the Hon. Dorothy Vivian, daughter of the third Lord Vivian, and in March, 1918, a son and heir was born, to whom His Majesty the King was godfather.

For Ex-Servicemen.

Since the War, the late Earl Haig devoted practically all his time to the cause of Ex-Servicemen, in which connexion he has, of course, figured prominently as the President of the British Legion. The huge amounts of money raised by the "Poppy Day" efforts of this organisation have been devoted to those disabled and otherwise needing help, and it is pertinent to recall that Earl Haig himself stated, in one of his last appeals, that he wanted the money to supplement the Government's votes, adding, "you and I must never rest satisfied if the man who distinguished himself in the severest trials of war, whether on the sea, on land or in the air, is reduced (through no fault of his own) to such a state of penury that he is unable to maintain his self-respect and find food and home for his wife and children."

"Poppy Day" was instituted by the late Earl Haig in 1925 as a means of raising the money needed to discharge this great obligation, and how readily the public has responded may be gathered when it is pointed out that there has been a steady increase in each year's proceeds. In 1921, the collections totalled £106,000, and by 1926 they had risen to £235,000. The total collections for 1927 have not yet been announced, but they are expected to have yielded the £500,000 for which a special appeal was made. If that is the case, in seven years a gross amount of £2,249,000 will have been raised.

There are various organisations created under the aegis of the British Legion, including the Sanatorium and Settlement at Aylesford in Kent, for tubercular Ex-Servicemen and their families, this being divided into three main sections—the Sanatorium, the Training Centre and the Village Settlement. Some 250 Ex-Servicemen find regular employment in the British Legion Poppy Factory at Richmond, Surrey, and in Lady Haig's Poppy Factory in Edinburgh.



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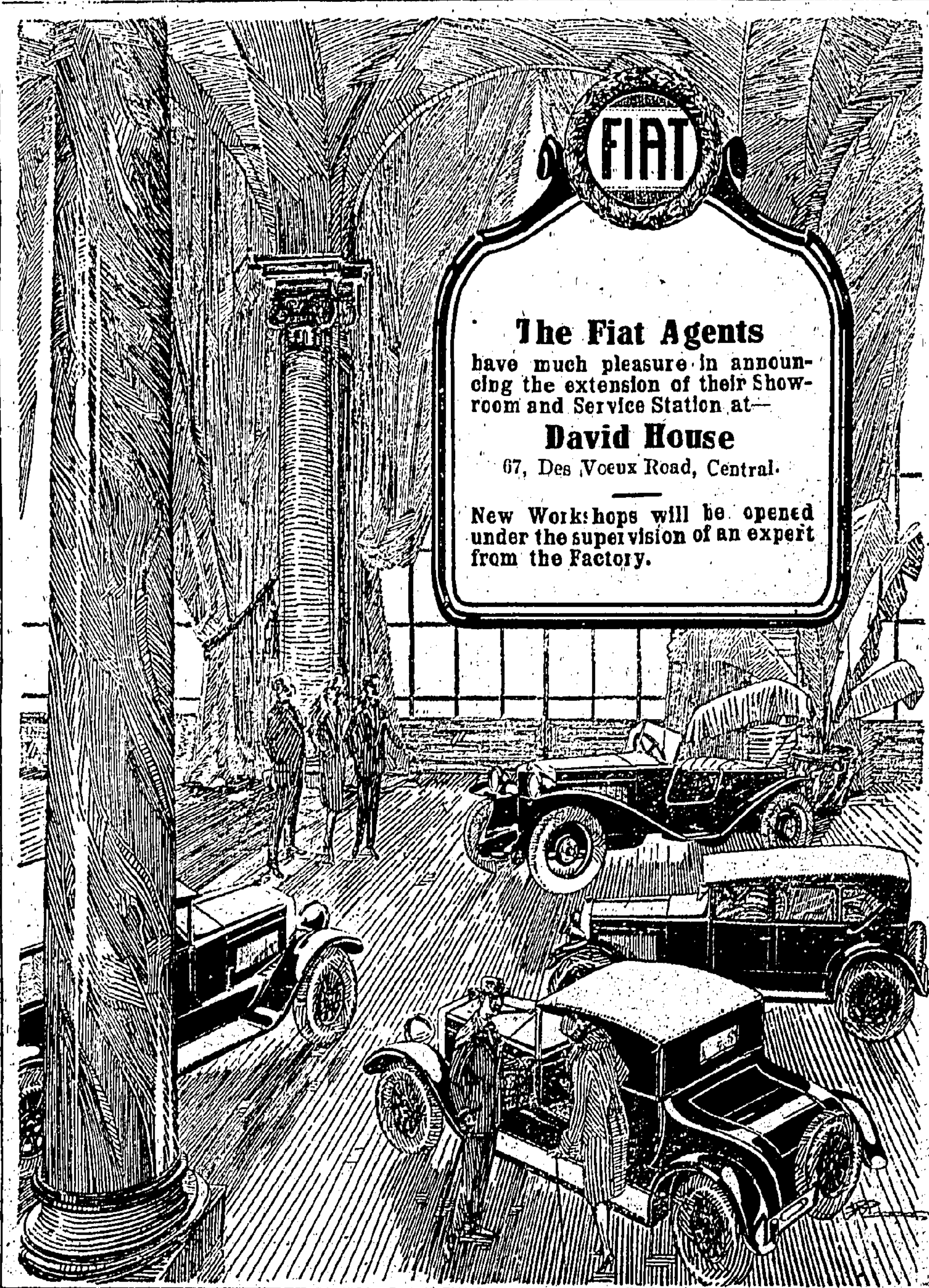
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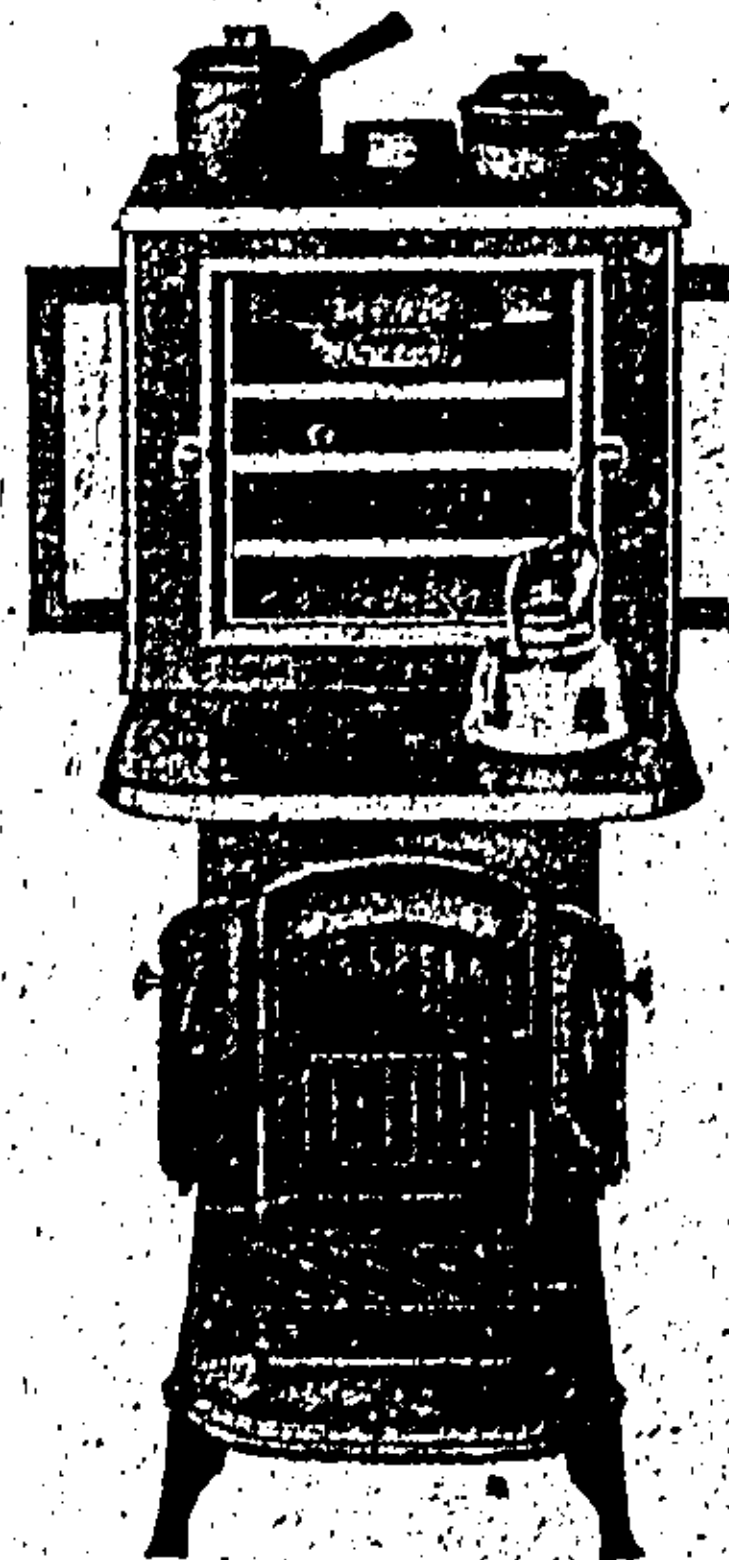


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The Bureau expects to send seedlings to the various parts of the Philippines so it would be able to supply the amount of tea being consumed locally.

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Tjisalak	Java, Mosr	27th Feb	29th Feb	Amoy, N. China
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SHANGHAI MASONS.

FORMAL OPENING OF NEW CLUB PREMISES.

The Masonic Club's new quarters, situated at 8B Yuen-ming-yuen Road, Shanghai, were formally opened last week by Worshipful Brother A. M. A. Evans. A large percentage of members and many of their friends were present.

After Mr. Evans had unlocked the front door, the assembly, Mr. Evans leading and escorted by Mr. R. P. Phillips (President) and Mr. S. C. Young (Vice-President), entered the spacious rooms which the organization has made possible. The ceremony was entirely informal and Mr. Evans, who proposed the toast of "Health, wealth, and prosperity to the new Masonic Club," outlined in short the history of the institution.

The First Proposals.

As early as 1865, the speaker said, Masons of Shanghai had proposed having a club which they could call their own, but which for various reasons, was not formed until nearly two decades later. It was in 1882 that portions of the Masonic Building were being vacated, and it was suggested that these six rooms might provide suitable quarters for a Masonic Club. A temporary committee investigated the conditions, and, on January 16, 1882, future charter members subscribed \$3,000, which had been deemed necessary to outfit the rooms. Within five minutes the entire amount was pledged. Members of the English, American, and Scottish Lodges, the prime movers being Messrs. H. Evans, D. C. Jansen, and Tom Pemberton, occupied their club formally on February 6, 1882.

As the speaker pointed out, the Club was a success from the beginning, and at the conclusion of the first year's business, it declared a six per cent. dividend, and carried over to reserve account \$479.

In conclusion, Mr. Evans believed that the Club had attained its objective, i.e., a social hall, where the younger Masons could associate and spend happy evenings together, rather than that they should be forced to seek relaxation in less favourable places. He urged members not to forget still another objective, a Masonic Club, built on their own ground, which would rival the larger buildings on the Bund.

A Handsome Interior.

The Club is situated on the second floor of the reconstructed building at the corner of Yuen-ming-yuen Road and Peking Road. It is tastefully done in grey plaster and golden oak boarding. To one side of the stairs is a large billiard room, on the other are the library, reception room, bar, dining room and card room, each of which is appropriately decorated. The library, with its splendid assortment of British and American magazines, affords a restful atmosphere and large red over-stuffed easy chairs seemed very enticing. It goes without saying that the new rooms will prove highly attractive to the members and their guests.

Great credit is due the Committee, headed by Messrs. R. P. Phillips and S. C. Young, for their increasing endeavour to set a high standard of club furnishing and atmosphere. The members are indebted to Mr. George Gray, who supervised the final rush work to prepare the premises for the formal opening, the old building having been vacated on Thursday.

SHANGHAI GUNMEN.

A CHINESE CONSTABLE SHOT DEAD.

Judge Keh and Mr. C. E. Whitmore conducted an inquest at the Public Mortuary at Shanghai over the body of a Chinese constable who was shot in Yangtzepoo Road when engaged in a running fight with a gang of robbers.

According to the evidence, six men, two of whom were armed with automatic pistols, entered a rice shop at 3266 East Yangtzepoo Road, shortly after six o'clock on the evening in question, and intimidated the inmates. An assistant on the ground floor raised the alarm by blowing a police whistle. The miscreants then decamped, but a prompt chase was given by deceased, who happened to be on duty near by. Deceased opened fire on the running robbers and one of the latter turned and, replied with several shots, one of the bullets hitting the constable in the head. Deceased fell to the ground, dead. One of the robbers rushed up, secured his pistol and then rejoined his comrades, later making good their escape.

The Court returned a verdict that deceased met his death as the result of a bullet wound inflicted by an armed robber.

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MACEDONIA	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marseilles & London
*KHYA	9,135	10th Mar.	Marseilles, L'don & A'werp
KASHMIR	8,985	17th Mar.	M'ses, L'don, A'werp & Hull
KARMALA	9,128	24th Mar.	Marseilles & London
MANTUA	10,946	31st Mar.	Marseilles & London
*KALYAN	9,144	7th Apr.	Marseilles, L'don & A'werp
MONGOLIA	16,504	14th Apr.	Marseilles & London
NAGPORE	5,283	21st Apr.	Marseilles & London
MOREA	10,953	28th Apr.	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,005	12th May	Marseilles, L'don & A'werp
JEYPORE	5,318	19th May	Marseilles & London
MALWA	10,986	26th May	Marseilles & London
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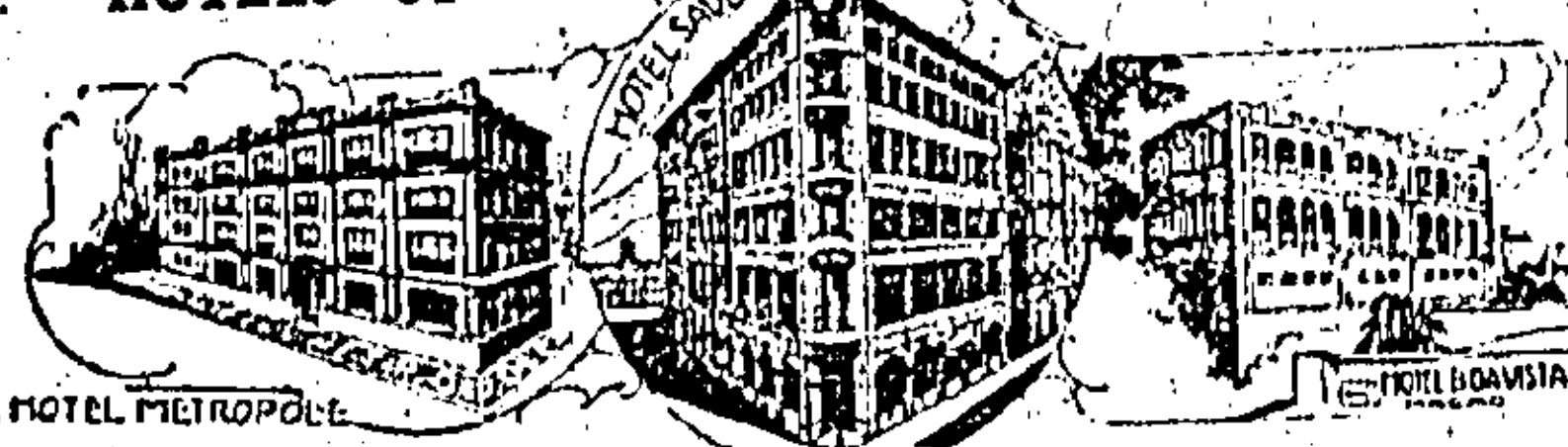
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formed the subject of a larceny
charge preferred against two
Chinese before Mr. W. Schofield at
the Kowloon Magistracy this
morning. Capt. G. H. Wilkins
appeared as complainant.

The defendants admitted possession
of the rope but said they
purchased it for \$25.
Sub-Inspector Dorling said that
the rope was stolen while the

Wing Hong was anchored off Stonecutters
undergoing repairs.
Two days later it was recovered
from No. 78, Catchick Street, and
sold to a Marine store dealer for
\$41.40. Investigations led to the
arrest of the two defendants.
Although given the opportunity,
the defendants had been unable
to locate the person from whom
they declared they had purchased
the rope which was really worth
\$500.

His Worship amended the
charge to one of receiving stolen
property. The first defendant
was sentenced to six weeks' hard
labour, while the second who had
a previous conviction for a similar
offence was sentenced to two
months' imprisonment.

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"SANNING" MEETS
TROUBLE.HELP UP BY DOSING
AUTHORITIES.

The s.s. Sanning returned to harbour
last night, reporting trouble
with the authorities at Dosing,
where the vessel was held up for
two days, owing to certain points
being raised in respect of the
ship's registration on being turned
over from the Chinese to the
British flag.

The master was only able to
clear after proceeding to Canton
and interviewing the British
Consul. It is understood that the
legal formalities of the change of
flag, has not yet been completed,
but meanwhile the vessel will
continue on the West River run.

CANTON RUSSIAN
EXECUTIONS.

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fell at the hands of its oppressors,
and their memory will still more
closely bind the peoples of two great
States already bound in blood.

Cannot Remain Unpunished.

The Soviet Government sees in
the barbarous acts of the Chinese
counter-revolutionaries and of the
forces standing behind them an
open attack on the Soviet Union.

While immutably pursuing the
policy of peace, a new expression of
which was the proposal for general
disarmament made recently at
Geneva, the Soviet Union is at the
same time ready for the worst and
will not be taken unawares.

On behalf of the Soviet Govern-
ment, the People's Commissariat
for Foreign Affairs protests before
the whole world against the out-
rages of the Chinese counter-revolutionaries.
The Soviet Government
reserves the right to undertake all
measures which it may deem neces-
sary in view of the bloody crimes
committed in South-China against
the Union. These savage acts cannot
remain unpunished.

MORE CANTON
RUMOURS.

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and later, after placing the Gov-
ernment chop on them, re-issue
them as full-value notes. Such a
scheme would not only increase
the value of the notes, but check
speculation among native bankers.

Despite these rumours, there is
but a slight increase in the value
of the notes, which are now worth
a little less than 40 per cent. of
their face value.

More Failures.

Following the report yesterday
that about sixteen Chinese impor-
ters and exporters' shops in Canton
had announced bankruptcy, another
report says that an equal
number of rice dealers have de-
clared their inability to continue
business. Most of the rice firms,
about 36 shops, are situated on
Shakee Street, opposite the Sham-
meen. During the months of
August and September, last year,
there was a considerable drop in
the price of rice in Canton and
dealers had to suffer a loss of
about \$3 for each sack of rice sold.
Following this, came the Com-
munist insurrection and rice mer-
chants have been doing very poor
business for several weeks.

INTERESTING MOTOR
POINT.

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was very difficult to estimate the
speed of a car when chasing it.
Major Willson said the defendant
had been fined last year for
speeding in Connaught Road Central.

The defendant was fined \$20.
Mistaken Number.

Mr. K. C. McLennan, Talkoo
Dock, was summoned for failing to
carry rear number plate bearing a
licence number on private car No.
1708. The defendant denied the
summons.
Traffic Sergt. Baker said that at
4.30 on the afternoon of January
24 while he was on duty in Des
Voeux Road Central, he saw the
car being driven by the defendant
along Des Voeux Road in the
direction of the Hongkong Hotel.
As the car passed, witness noticed
there was no rear number plate.
Outside the Hongkong Hotel, witness
pointed out the fact to the
defendant, who said he had
knocked it off the previous
night when he was putting the car
into the garage.

The defendant produced his
licence, which showed that the
number of his car was 2078.
His Worship held that the sum-
mons was bad and dismissed it.

LANE, CRAWFORD'S
CAPITAL.SHAREHOLDERS CONFIRM
REDUCTION.

A meeting of the shareholders
of Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd.,
was held this morning to confirm
the resolution passed at a meeting
on January 16 with regard to the
reduction of capital. Those present
to-day were Mr. T. G. Weill,
(Chairman); Mr. W. E. L. Shenton,
Mr. Chan Tong, Mr. E. M. Ray-
mond, Mr. R. L. Bridger, Mr. F. M.
Crawford, (Directors), Mr. S. J.
Jordain (Secretary), and Messrs.
W. Macfarlane, A. Stevenson, C.
Bernard Brown, T. G. Stokes and
S. Hamer, shareholders.

After the Secretary had read
the notice convening the meeting,
The Chairman said:—The ob-
ject for which this meeting has
been called is, as indicated in the
notice which the secretary has just
read, for the purpose of receiving
a report of the proceedings of the
extraordinary general meeting
held on the 16th instant, and of
confirming, if thought fit as a
special resolution, the resolution
which was passed as an extra-
ordinary resolution at that meet-
ing. That resolution, you will re-
member, concerned your approval
of a reduction of the Company's
capital. You will also remember
that at the above-mentioned meet-
ing I explained to you why your
Directors thought it essential to
reduce the capital of the Com-
pany, and I do not think it neces-
sary to deal further therewith,
except to state that at the meeting
in question the resolution approv-
ing the reduction of capital was
unanimously passed as an extra-
ordinary resolution. Under the
Hongkong Companies Ordinance,
however, it is necessary that such
extraordinary resolution shall be
confirmed by a majority of share-
holders entitled to vote as are present
in person, or by proxy, and con-
sequently this meeting has
been convened for the purpose of
enabling the extraordinary resolu-

EMPIRE'S LOSS.



The late Field Marshal
Earl Haig, O.M., G.C.B.,
G.C.V.O., whose sudden death
occurred in London yesterday.

tion, above referred to, to be con-
firmed as a special resolution. I
accordingly beg to propose the
confirmation as a special resolu-
tion of the said extraordinary resolu-
tion, namely:

"That the capital of the Com-
pany be reduced from \$1,500,000
divided into 150,000 shares of
\$10 each to \$900,000 divided into
150,000 shares of \$6 each, and
that such reduction be effected by
cancelling the capital which has
been lost or is unrepresented by
available assets to the extent of
\$4 per share, upon each of the
125,000 shares which have been
issued and are now outstanding,
and by reducing the nominal
amount of all shares in the Com-
pany's capital from \$10 to \$6 per
share."

I shall be glad if some share-
holder will second such proposal.
The resolution was seconded by
Mr. C. Bernard Brown, and there
being no questions, was put to the
meeting and carried unanimously.

BOARD OF TRADE
ENQUIRY.COUNTRY OF ORIGIN ON
TOOTHBRUSHES.

London, Jan. 30.

A curious situation arose when
a committee appointed by the Board
of Trade met to-day to inquire
whether imported tooth brushes and
shaving brushes should bear an in-
dication of their origin.

Counsel for the Opposition, namely
a number of firms importing
toothbrushes, withdrew after the
Chairman had refused his request
for an adjournment for one week
in order to enable the Opposition to
prepare their case.

Counsel for the applicants, the
Master Bone Brushmakers' Asso-
ciation, said that 14,000,000 tooth-
brushes were consumed annually in
the United Kingdom. The importa-
tion being greater than the Home
production, it was most difficult to
tell the foreign from the Home
article.

A brush-maker gave evidence
that the bulk of shaving brushes
came from Japan where the work-
manship was generally good, but
labour conditions in Japan enabled
them to be made more cheaply than
the British.

Japan imported her bristles chief-
ly from China. The difficulty of
distinguishing the foreign from the
Home-made articles was practically
the only ground for the application.
The Chairman reserved his re-
port for a fortnight to enable the
opposition to call evidence if they
desired.—Reuter.

EARL HAIG'S DEATH.

HONGKONG LEGION SENDS
SYMPATHY.

The following telegram has
been despatched to the Headquar-
ters of the British Legion in Lon-
don:—"Hongkong and China
Branch desire to express sense of
profound loss and deepest
sympathy Lady Haig in great
bereavement.—Piercy, Hon. Secre-
tary."

Mr. R. K. Hepburn, of Hong-
kong, who is at present on Home
leave, and who is a member of the
local Committee of the British
Legion, has telegraphed to say
that he intends being present at
Earl Haig's funeral, and to send
wreaths on behalf of the Hong-
kong branch of the Legion as well
as of the Ex-Active Service Men's
Association.

SHANGHAI SHARES.

NEW ENGINEERING'S BIG
PROFIT.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts are
in receipt of a cable from
their Shanghai Office announcing
that the New Engineering Com-
pany's profit for the year is
Tls.225,000 and the dividend
Tls.0.40. The quotation is Tls. 5
buyers.

Shanghai Docks have buyers at
Tls. 96.

FALSE PRETENCES
CASE.

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Hongkong to collect "the few
thousand dollars" that were neces-
sary to prevent this drastic step.

Witness replied that defendant
should do nothing of the kind, as
his relatives would only have been
needlessly alarmed.

A week later, defendant sought
a second interview with him in
the prison, when defendant said
he and his friends were doing
something for him (witness) and
that he need not be frightened.
Witness said that in any case de-
fendant was not to go down to
Hongkong to get the money.

The case was again adjourned
until Friday afternoon.

LETTER GOLF
SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the
puzzle on another page.

L	O	V	E
H	O	V	E
H	A	V	E
H	A	T	E

The case in which a Chinese constable
is charged with larceny of
an electric torch from a Chinese,
was continued before Mr. W. Scho-
field at the Kowloon Magistracy
this morning, when Mr. Hin Shing-
Lo appeared for the defence and
had the witnesses for the prosecu-
tion recalled for cross-examination.
The case was again adjourned.

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